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## IS HE RED?

### THE "CHRISTIAN GENERAL" RUSSIA BEHIND HIM

"Britain And Japan Entertain No Illusions"

WHAT AN ATTACK ON HANKOW WOULD MEAN

[By "Li Chung-ying"]

Has Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," really come out in his true colours? Is he preparing to strike at Hankow while the backs of his confederates in the Nationalist Party are turned?

These are questions which have engaged the attention of very few in Hong Kong. Following Thursday's report and yesterday's note that "the Hankow situation is disquieting," the news cannot be disregarded only because confirmation is lacking.

If anybody thinks that, at most, there will be a "local" war in Central China, far from Hong Kong and the South, he is mistaken. An attack on Hankow would at once embroil Canton because both cities are ruled by the Kwangsi military group. Hong Kong's trade would be directly and adversely affected. But there is worse.

Because of his leanings towards the Soviet, grounds of suspicion have been found for supposing that Russia is behind the "Christian General," about which Britain and Japan entertain no illusions. The consequences may even reach as far as India, it is said.

### SECRET ALLIANCE OF 1896

Commenting on a new book about the secret Treaty of Alliance concluded between China and Russia in 1896, Geo. Bronson Rea, in the "Far Eastern Review," has this to say about the "Christian General":

"... we have the picture of Feng Yu-hsiang patiently waiting for the Japanese to withdraw so that he can take over control of Shantung and its deep water port at Tsingtao which provides him with a secure inlet for shipments of arms and munitions from abroad.

"Feng has been closely allied with Moscow in the past. There is no assurance that this partnership has been terminated.

"Feng is to-day the most powerful militarist in China, holding Nanking at his mercy.

"The Communist wing of the Kuomintang is preparing for another trial of strength in order to regain control of the Nationalist Government. Any day, the situation in China may change, with Soviet Russia once more directing the policies of Nanking.

Menace to Far East  
"No other nation has the right to dictate to China what she shall do in her own house. If she elects to align herself with Moscow, it is her own concern. But she must accept the consequences."

"Great Britain and Japan entertain no illusions about the Russian programme in China. They have had their lesson and know exactly what to expect."

"There is considerable justification for the rumours now current about a new understanding between Great Britain and Japan and although it may never resolve itself into another hard and fast alliance, there is no escaping the conviction that events are shaping themselves in China along lines that must draw these two Powers closer together for the protection of their mutual interests."

"Britain's position in India and the security of Japan are closely related to the outcome of the present factional struggle in China. These two great Powers cannot remain indifferent to their own vital interests."

"The weakness of China and her

inclination to lend herself to the Russian programme constitutes a standing menace to the peace of the Far East. The strategic angle to British and Japanese policy in China cannot be set aside as unimportant. It still remains as the motivating force in their present diplomacy."

Difference To-day  
Mr. R. O. Hall, a Briton who very convincingly advocated conciliation towards China, and who made a close study in the interior, had this to say about the "Christian General" — two years ago, be it noted — when referring to Feng's joining forces with the Nationalists: "The ideals of the two groups are so much alike that this was inevitable, even if their common dependence upon Russia for military supplies had not hastened it."

The difference to-day is that the majority and those sections of the National Government with prestige have severed intercourse with Soviet Russia. The National Government is professedly anti-Red. Feng Yu-hsiang, as Minister for War, must therefore be taken to be opposed to the Soviet's overtures. But we know he is not.

One of the Barons

What, then, of his chances if he should really throw down the gauntlet to the Kwangsi military group? In this connection, it is interesting to read what Mr. Hall said of him two years ago before he took a very active part in the race on Peking. He and his army of Ironsides, the author writes, fit into neither category (i.e., of warlord type and "citizen army" type). Historically he is one of the barons; but his strength lies in the popularity of his army — a popularity which is very well deserved.

The Kwangsi military group has been consistently anti-Red. If Hankow were menaced, reinforcements would have to be rushed up from Canton and Kwangsi. The burden of support in money, which Canton has had to shoulder for Hankow, will then be likely to remain to the detriment of trade. And the wider issues have been dealt with already.

Whether the other factions will take sides or exert pressure to keep the peace remains to be seen.

### STILL NO CHANGE TO S. AFRICAN TEAM FOR ENGLAND REPORT

#### "A QUIET DAY"

LATEST BULLETIN REGARDED AS SATISFACTORY

#### "THE WILL TO LIVE"

London, Yesterday, 8 p.m. A British wireless message states: The following bulletin was issued at 8.15 this evening:

The King had a quiet day and there is no change to report in His Majesty's condition.

Signed, Stanley Hewett and Dawson of Penn.

The last three bulletins regarding the King show that for the past thirty hours there has been no indication of a change in His Majesty's general condition but as the doctors point out, this is not to be interpreted as a relapse. This morning's bulletin, in fact, is regarded as satisfactory, although, of course, there is still anxiety. The bulletin encourages hopes of a set-

### 16 CRICKETERS CHOSEN CAPTAIN

#### MANY NEW NAMES

H. G. Deane, of Transvaal, chosen captain

The following, selected to represent South Africa in the forthcoming cricket tour in England:

H. G. Deane (captain), H. W. Taylor, C. Vincent, J. J. Christie, H. Cameron, F. Van Der Merwe, B. Mitchell, Z. Macmillan, all the above are Transvaal players.

I. J. Sledje, E. Dalcin, R. H. Catterall, these are of Natal Province.

D. Morkel, H. Owen Smith, both from Western Province.

A. Ouchse, from Eastern Province, and N. Quinn, from Griqualand West.

S. Steyn, of Western Province, is reserve.

There are many names in the above team which are new to representative South African cricket.

—Reuter.

#### FINE TO CLOUDY

For the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow, "Fresh east winds, fine to cloudy," is the forecast for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

At 10.50 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported: "The anticyclone is central between Shanghai and south-west Korea. Fresh monsoon may be expected over the China Sea."

Atmospheric improvement in the King's condition. In medical circles it is pointed out that the healing process goes on slowly but it is obvious that the infection has been mastered. A protective wall of new tissue should now be sufficient to exclude practically any fears of further lung complication. The general condition will show very little change at this stage, and that it is stationary may be taken as meaning that the ground gained has been held.

It was disclosed, in a fuller review of the case, prepared for the medical press to-day, that the King's disinclination for food was being overcome and that the will to live is there.

A good deal depends on both these factors. By the will to live the doctors define the quality in spirit that has considerable influence in helping the conquest of disease.

It was officially stated at Buckingham Palace this afternoon that the King had had a little more restful day.

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### FELT INTO DITCH

#### DUKE OF GLOUCESTER OUT HUNTING

#### ESCAPES WITH SHAKING

London, Yesterday.

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, when hunting with the Quorn Hunt near Basby, to-day, fell into a wide ditch, but escaped with a shaking.

—Reuter.

#### RYE DISASTER

#### FINDING OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

#### VIEWS ON THE LIFEBOAT

London, Yesterday.

The Commission of Inquiry into the Rye lifeboat disaster has found that prompt and proper measures were taken to recall the lifeboat but the recall flag should have been hoisted at daybreak, though it was very improbable that it would have been seen.

The commission also expresses the opinion that the lifeboat suddenly capsized owing to the high sea during the gale and that the deaths were caused by the breaking water of the heavy surf.

It is impossible to say, the Commission adds, whether the lifeboats caused or contributed to the loss of life. —Reuter.

#### WOMEN DOCTORS

#### LIMITATIONS ON THEIR EDUCATION

#### IMPORTANT STEP

London, Yesterday.

The limitations placed upon the medical education of women in London Hospitals are the subject of a report which has been drawn up by the committee appointed by the Senate of London University a year ago.

This question was rendered acute at that time by the exclusion of further women students from the medical schools of London hospitals.

Sir James Purves Stewart, Senior Physician to Westminster Hospital, then expressed the view that usually the ablest women forsook the profession shortly after graduating in order to marry, that some of the men students were disinclined to sit alongside women in medical classrooms and that the opportunities for athletes must also be less attractive in mixed schools; while the inevitable distractions could not but arise from the continuous association of attractive young men with attractive young women in the classroom laboratories and wards.

I understand that the committee

has now reported in favour of the retention of women students in the London hospitals but recommends that in order to prevent an excess of women students each hospital should take a definite quota.

Dr. Graham Little, who is one of the champions of women doctors and is a member of the committee, ex-

### VIRTUOUS PEOPLE AND BIRDS!

#### VIEW ON SHOOTING

"WANTON SLAUGHTER," SAYS A MAGISTRATE

#### KWANTUNG REGULATIONS

The following, selected to represent the frontier into Chinese territory during the shooting season should read proclamation No. 43 of Oct. 30, 1928, issued by Mr. Cheung Kai-kuang, Magistrate of Po On district (that part of Chinese territory adjoining the British frontier),

"Under good local Government,

"a territory is free from locusts, and among a virtuous people, birds prey not on other birds' nests."

"In the season when autumn changes to winter, sportsmen go to the hills to shoot game, solely for their own ends — a cruel, wanton slaughter which offends the laws of Heaven. More than this, the woods are often fired to destroy the lurking-places of birds and beasts, driv-

ing them out. This practice is as vicious as drying up the sea to catch fish. It renders the hillside barren and unfit for grass cutting, depriving the poor of a means of livelihood, and it will be rigidly put down. Take note that offenders will be punished without discrimination."

What the Term Means

Provisional hunting regulations for the whole province of Kwangtung have been published in the Hong Kong "Government Gazette." These will apply also, it need be stated, to residents of Macao going into Chinese territory and people living in Kwangtung. Ex-

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What the Term Means



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MONTEVIDEO MARU ..... Friday, 8th February, 1929.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore &amp; Colombo.

SHINYO MARU ..... Monday, 7th January.

CHIFUKU MARU ..... Saturday, 19th January, 1929.  
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MEXICO MARU ..... Friday, 18th January.

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HOKKAIDO MARU ..... Monday, 7th January.

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CANTON MARU ..... Sunday, 6th January Noon.

HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 13th January Noon.

TAKAO—Via SWATOW &amp; AMOY.

DELI MARU ..... Thursday, 10th January 10 a.m.

TAKAO &amp; KEELUNG—Via SWATOW &amp; AMOY.

SOURABAYA MARU ..... Friday, 25th January, 1929.

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## SHIPPING SECTION.



## FORWARDING

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## CALL FOR ECONOMY

The twenty-seventh annual general meeting of the Liverpool Shipping and Forwarding Agents' Association, Incorporated, was held in small week, Mr. J. Mitchell Jones, in the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. David Jones, J.P.), presiding over the best attended and most satisfactory annual meeting of the association yet held.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the chairman apologised for the absence of Mr. David Jones, and expressed the great appreciation of the council in the continued interest that he takes in the affairs of the association.

He then said:—

This is our 27th annual meeting, and I am happy to say that our report and accounts are high-

a burden on trade—on the export trade in particular—that we cannot hope for any great revival until these very important items are brought down to a more reasonable basis, and until we receive this help and encouragement from the governing bodies we have not got a fair chance.

There are other matters bearing on this question of national economy, but there are just two which I will mention now. There is, first of all, the scale of wages in the sheltered occupations, which are too high, and must sooner or later be fixed at a lower level; and, secondly, the rate of postage, which should be brought down to pre-war rates. I have urged this postage question at previous annual meetings. How long are we to be kept waiting for a concession that will not only be a help to business, but would surely be a benefit to the Post Office?

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In this transition period, perhaps the greatest change has been

enable them to give some assistance in their freight rates. I refer, of course, to the Government rating relief, under which scheme I understand the railway companies receive the sum of approximately £3,833,833—and we would not forget the reductions in wages which railway workers have agreed to. These are steps in the right direction.

Other factors in this stage of transition are the more extended use of electricity and the greater concentration in industry. All of these movements properly handled will have an economic bearing on manufacturing—and that is what we must have if we are to regain our supremacy. With regard to safeguarding and protective duties, it is a matter of opinion as to how they affect our transport industry. Now, gentlemen, during this period of transition it is only reasonable to expect something in the nature of a temporary setback, but we can look with confidence to the future, firm in the belief that the trade improvement we are hoping for is not very far off. When we remember the toll of the war, the trouble and difficulties of the succeeding years, and the tremendous adjustments that have to be made, perhaps we have no right to be dissatisfied with our position to-day. It is worthy of note that the world's crop of wheat, sugar, cotton, &c., are very large, and this factor should assist in speeding recovery.

## Port Charges

Speaking briefly about things purely local, a shipping and forwarding agent is almost bound to think first of all of the Dock Board, that much criticised body, always in the limelight, as all such bodies usually are. It is not my intention to say anything about charges here. We are told the port charges are too high, that they compare unfavourably with other ports, but you will agree, gentlemen, that if anyone is posted on these matters and has an interest in bringing down the port charges, it is our association. Still, we are without a direct representation of your association on the Board. Is it right? Would it not be in the interest of the port and the Dock Board to have a representative from our association. Your council is of the unanimous opinion that we should have been represented on the Board years ago, and we propose taking definite steps in an endeavour to attain this object as soon as a favourable opportunity offers. You are represented on the Chamber of Commerce by three members of your council, and we can always count on the Chamber's support and influence when occasion arises.

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I feel sure the reports of all our council meetings, which are circulated among our members regularly, are much appreciated, and they keep everyone posted as to what is going on. Here may I suggest that we should like our members to communicate their views to the secretary on any of the topics mentioned in these reports, and to bring before the council's notice, any suggestions or difficulties that may crop up from time to time. It is only by so doing that the full

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|-------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
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| *KIDDERPORE | 5,334  | 11th Jan. | Moji & Kobe.                      |
| TILAWA      | 10,005 | 14th Jan. | Amoy, Shih, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.   |
| KASHGAR     | 9,005  | 18th Jan. | Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| *PADUA      | 5,007  | 24th Jan. | Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| TAKIWA      | 7,935  | 20th Jan. | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.         |
| TAKADA      | 6,049  | 28th Jan. | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.         |
| *MIRZAPORE  | 6,715  | 29th Jan. | Moji & Kobe.                      |
| MACEONIA    | 11,120 | 1st Feb.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.  |
| TANDA       | 6,055  | 5th Feb.  | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.     |
| TALAMBA     | 8,018  | 8th Feb.  | Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'hann & Osaka. |
| KHIVA       | 9,135  | 15th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.  |
| TALMA       | 10,000 | 18th Feb. | Amoy, Shih, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.   |
| MALWA       | 10,988 | 1st Mar.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.  |
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## London

### THE WORLD'S GREATEST PORT

Some facts revealed at a Royal Society of Arts lecture the other evening concerning London, the greatest port and market in the world, may therefore be of interest.

The foundation of London's commercial supremacy is, of course,

that all nations send their produce

here to be sold.

The lecturer, Mr. J. H. Estill, commercial manager of the Port of London Authority, disclosed that 26,000,000 tons of

merchandise enter the Port yearly,

that London deals with one-third

of the total import and export

trade of the United Kingdom, that

the stock of tea in the Port is

about 186,000,000 lb. valued at

Customs duty at over £16,000,000,

that the annual importation

of ivory represents the tusks

of about 2,500 elephants that

there are to-day 45,000 tons

of tobacco in the Port, worth

including duty, £88,000,000.

Cutter-street warehouse, he said,

has an average stock of merchandise

worth about £5,000,000.

Thousands of tons of tea are stored

there, besides carpets from Turkey,

Peria, China, and also large

quantities of Oriental curios,

including gods from the four corners

of the earth; in fact, said the

lecturer, more gods are stored

there than it is generally supposed

are worshipped!

In addition, there are carved ivory figures,

bronzes, lacquer cabinets, silk

and satin screens beautifully

embroidered, vases and bowls of

beaten brass, Japanese pictures,

and ancient manuscripts from

Persia and Mexico; also raw and

waste silk, and silk and cotton

piece goods from China, Japan

and Bengal, the silk and cotton

piece goods alone being equal to

over £650,000.

Mr. Estill claimed that

shipping and trade figures showed

that the Port of London Authority's

bold policy of extensions and

improvements, involving an expendi-

ture of £15,000,000, had been

amply justified.

In 1927 the net

register of vessels entering and

leaving had grown to the huge

figure of 52,500,000 tons.

This is over 14,000,000 tons more than

when the Authority was con-

stituted in 1909.—"China Express

and Telegraph."

## CONVENTION ACT

It is notified in the Hong Kong "Government Gazette" that an Order-in-Council has appeared, postponing the coming into effect of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act of 1914 until Jan. 1, 1930.

## NAVAL MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. "Cumberland," one of the China Squadron cruisers, left Toulon (French Indo-China) yesterday for Singapore.

H.M.S. "Magnolia," a sloop, arrived at Tsingtao (in Shantung province) from Shanghai.

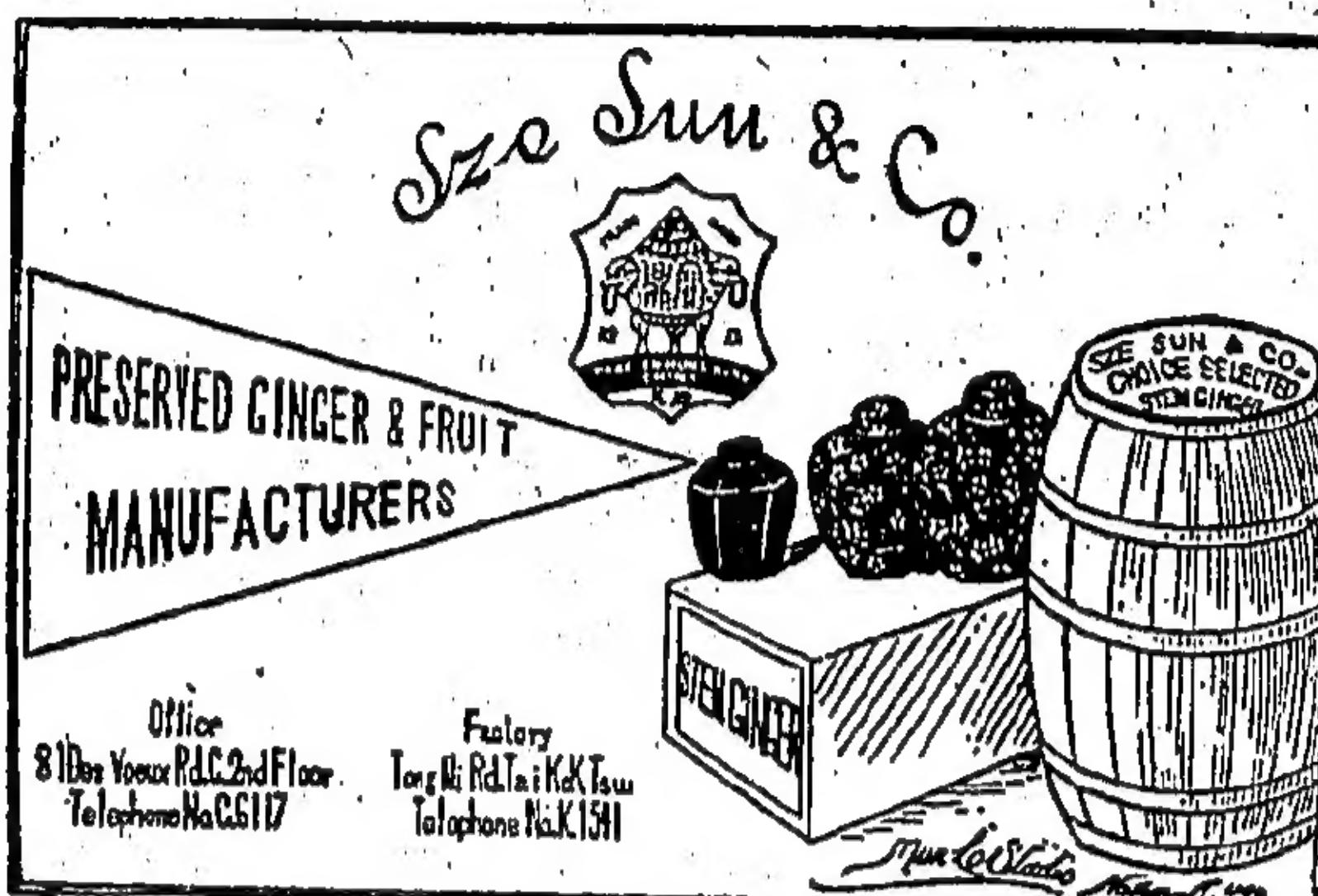
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#### STILL WATERS

The advent of  
Exit the New Year  
"Rattlers" has seen the exit  
at long last, of

the "rattlers" as the small buses in Kowloon were appropriately termed. One had only to ride in one of the fine big buses on the Hong Kong side, and then sample a "rattler" in Kowloon, to appreciate the mighty difference between the two. Moreover, the No. 2 route "rattler" was always more or less of a nightmare owing to always being permitted to get overcrowded near Mongkok on the way out to Lai Chi Kok. It was only sheer good luck that saved one or more of them from toppling over. And passengers had invariably to alight at the Bus Company's depot on the journey from the Ferry to permit of a fresh supply of petrol. Now they are gone, and nobody who has to travel any distance in Kowloon will feel a bit sorry.

There is still a  
Cleaner Cars difference be-  
tween the buses

in Hong Kong and those in Kowloon, and that is in the matter of cleanliness. On the Kowloon side most of the buses look as if they were suffering from the drought in common with a great many other things. Why they cannot be brushed out, and the windows and so forth dusted at each terminus, the travelling public would like to know. Furthermore, with the small-pox epidemic raging, why cannot the conductors of the buses on both sides of the harbour be provided with Lilac or Lotal sprays and thus keep them disinfected? The buses are not always full and the conductors are not for ever punching tickets and taking in cash. Why not make them keep their buses clear of dust and germs? Now that the Tramways Company has taken over the business of the Kai Tak Company, may we look to it to set the example in Kowloon?

Important post has nothing whatever to recommend it. It is a wonder that some of our public officials have done so well in the past in being entrusted with the administration of the whole Sanitary Department. But the system is not fair to those to whom the science of modern sanitation and hygiene is a dead letter, for they have got to be guided by the permanent staff of Inspectors. The Municipalities in the Straits Settlements have each their permanent President appointed by the Government. Until such time as Hong Kong has its Municipal Council, too, the head of the Sanitary Board should be appointed permanently. Then would our multifarious sanitary and public health problems be given a genuine opportunity to be tackled as they ought to be.

Although disastrous to the occupants of the dwellings, pants the fire that destroyed eleven small houses of the mashed type at Shamshui Po last Friday night (or "before midnight on Saturday morning," as our junior morning contemporary quaintly put it) should be welcomed as distinctly affecting a "slum area," tiny though it was. The mashed houses and brick dwellings were far too closely huddled together to be healthy, whilst the constant pools and quagmires were a grave menace—and an encouragement to the breeding of mosquitoes, which are reported to be "terrible" in this particular neighbourhood, in spite, even, of the cold snap.

Before the builders get busy again on the site of the fire, the whole place will have to be put in a proper state of sanitation. And whilst they are about it the Sanitary Board people might do worse than make an inspection of another collection of mashed houses in the same vicinity, near a ginger factory.

Some of the initials Free terrors of vaccination, in the minds of children, are being removed. During the present campaign of free vaccination some of the children are having their initials stencilled, or engraved, or pricked with the vaccination needle. They have only to display these proudly to their playmates for the latter to clamour to be similarly "tattooed." Should the system become common there should be fewer lost kiddies in future, for on a stray child being found all the Police have to do is to look at the vaccination mark for the lost one's initials—a clue that should lead to speedier restoration to disengaged parents! And should any of these same kiddies wander from the path in a different sense when they grow older those vaccination initials might prove a very good complement of finger prints! An idea right away for the very next "best seller" if some local novelist will only take the hint—and let us share in the royalties.

From observation it would appear that the public reading room at the City Hall Library is being much more frequented than was the case, say, three or four years ago. Indeed, at certain parts of the day one cannot always make sure of getting a seat or a glance at the particular paper or periodical one wants. It is regrettable, however, to find that some members of the public do not respect the privileges of a free reading room. It is invariably found that one particular page of the overseas "Daily Sketch" is torn out, evidently because it contains a crossword puzzle! This is a selfish and mean form of vandalism, and it is to be trusted that it will cease. Others besides the vandals may be equally interested in the particular page mentioned, so why should they be deprived of the pleasure of reading it?

Most folk who patronise the Library at the City Hall will agree that it is high time that it received a thorough overhaul. Some of the shelves look as if the books had been thrown back anyhow, whilst many of the books require not only dusting but repairing and rebinding. A stranger going into the Library for the first time would be pardoned for concluding that he had stepped into the "Old Curiosity Shop" instead of a Library maintained by a Government that prides itself on being abreast of the times. If a Colony can be judged by its Library and Reading Room, what a poor opinion outsiders must form of Hong Kong! There are surely some real book enthusiasts in the Government Service to whom could be allotted the pleasurable task of devoting a few hours each week ("during office hours") to bringing both the Library and Reading Room into a state of pristine glory.

When Dr. Wellington, Sanitary Board, the new Director of Public Health, "Head" arrives and assumes duty, it is to be trusted that he will see that the Sanitary Board has a permanent Chairman. The present system of pitchforking any Cadet into this

Dr. Arthur Woo has returned to the Colony after six months spent abroad.

The Society of St. George, Hong Kong, held their annual ball in the City Hall last night.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin has been re-appointed a member of the Sanitary Board for a further term of three years.

Mr. M. Hassaram, proprietor of the Bombay Silk Store, arrived back in the Colony by the s.s. "Morea," after spending a holiday in India.

The name of Dr. Yang Lin, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong), whose address is given as Elliot Hall, the University, has been added to the local medical register.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Choy Cheung-loi, said to be a shroff and partner of Hop Hing Loong, No. 19, Chung Ching-street, Hong Kong. He is reported to have absconded with \$1,790.

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions, a Sikh named Kam Singh, on a charge of unlawful possession at the Tai Lo Tin hotel of \$6 forged \$10 Hong Kong banknotes.

Eighty-three samples were submitted to the Government Analyst for examination during the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1928. These were divided under 11 headings. All three samples of pepper were found to be adulterated. One out of 20 samples of milk was declared to be adulterated.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has consented to hand to Drs. S. F. Li, C. K. Ma, B. C. Wong and I. P. Woo, at Government House, on Monday next, at noon, Votes of Thanks from the Order of St. John for valuable services rendered by the gentlemen named.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Saturday last, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, contains the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths.—Plague, Baghdad 2 (2); Cholera, Negapatam (3); Tutticorn 39 (18); Bangkok 8 (1); Saigon 8 (1); Small-pox, Basrah 3 (2); Bombay 3 (1); Negapatam 4; Pondicherry (2); Samarinda 3; Saigon 2; Shanghai (12); Baghdad 6 (1).

The British Legion (Hong Kong Branch) reports that the sum of £1,500 has been forwarded to the Central Fund in London of Earl Haig's Fund for Ex-Service Men and their dependants, as the result of the appeal, which was made through the sale of Poppies, etc., on November 11 last. In addition, Demand Drafts for £80, £47 and £22, being contributions from residents in Swatow, Wuchow and Hoitow, are also being sent home. A full statement will be forwarded for publication in the near future.

**NEW DIAMONDS**  
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Johannesburg.—The South African Government is reported to have sold a quantity of diamonds from the Namaqualand diamond field to a diamond syndicate for \$1,134,000. Government officials are very reticent.

The diamond field is at Alexander Bay, near the mouth of the Orange River. The South African Government has already recovered £6,000,000 of diamonds from this sandy waste.

It is surrounded by a barbed wire and closely meshed fence 7 ft. high. Inside there is another high enclosure where the men engaged in recovering the diamonds are more closely guarded than convicts. Anyone approaching the diamond field is liable to be shot at sight.

The gems are carried two or three times a week by aeroplane to Cape Town, where the pilots hand them over to an armed guard.

**HERRING CATCH**  
LARGE INCREASE IN EAST  
ANGLIA

A large increase in the catch of herrings landed at East Anglian ports is recorded in the return of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, the figures given for the week ended Nov. 23 being more than double those for the corresponding week of 1927. The quantities numbered 13,600

crans, compared with 5,653 crans in the corresponding week of last year, an increase of 8,007 crans. The total catch from Sept. 1 to the present date was 830,410 crans, compared with 670,876 crans in the same period of last year.

## CHINESE COUPLE

### HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL WEDDING

#### THE DEAN OFFICIATES

The marriage of Miss May Yvonne Lynn of San Francisco and Mr. Lai Kwong-tsun of Shanghai took place on Dec. 22, at the Trinity Cathedral. The Very Rev. A. C. S. Trivett, Dean of the Cathedral, officiated.

Miss Lynn is the daughter of Mr. Lynn Sing, a prominent Chinese merchant of San Francisco, and Mrs. Lynn Sing. Miss Lynn's family are all in the United States but she came back on a visit to her uncles, Capt. Arthur F. Lynn, and Mr. Alfred S. Lee, in Shanghai.

Mr. Lai is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lai Ho-san of Shanghai; since his return from America, he has been on the staff of the National Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd. The young couple met in America when they were both university students.

**Gordon Lum Best Man**  
The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Alfred S. Lee. Mr. Gordon Lum (Lum Po-wah), the well-known tennis player, attended the bridegroom.

Miss Elizabeth Ma, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ma Soo, acted as maid-of-honour.

The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Lai Ho-san, and his sister, Mrs. Chow, went down from Tientsin to attend the ceremony in Shanghai.

Both the wedding and the reception, which was given in the Sun Sun Hotel, were largely attended by foreign and Chinese friends of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Lai are returning to Hong Kong shortly to live here. (Photo on page 7).

#### AIR CHIEF CRASHES

##### SIR E. ELLINGTON INJURED

Baghdad, Iraq.—Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edward L. Ellington was injured in an air accident while flying from Baghdad to England.

Sir Edward, who is 50, will succeed Air Marshal Sir John Salmon as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Air Defence, of Great Britain. Since November 1926 he has commanded the British Forces in Iraq.

His A.D.C. piloted the aeroplane in which he left Baghdad. Fog necessitated a landing near the River Euphrates. The ground was heavy, and the aeroplane turned a somersault.

The pilot was unhurt, but Sir Edward was slightly bruised and shaken. He was taken to Ramadi on the Euphrates, by car and then 70 miles by air to Baghdad R.A.F. Hospital.

He is making excellent progress, but will probably remain in Baghdad about a week.

#### "THE SQUEAKER"

PROTECTING THE GERMAN ACTOR

"Please post £1,000 for police to hold" was the startling message received from Berlin recently by Mr. Edgar Wallace, who was signing a lease of the Kuenstler Theatre in Berlin to produce "The Squeaker" there.

The money is held by the police, whoever be the producer, and is an insurance that the actors will not be left stranded.

"It is the general practice in Germany, and a very good practice," said Mr. Wallace. "I should like to see it in force here."

"The Squeaker," which has been running at the Comedy Theatre, was produced in Brooklyn (New York) and had an enthusiastic reception.

"I have always wanted my own production in Germany," said Mr. Wallace, "but there has been difficulty about getting the right kind of theatre. 'The Squeaker' should have a revolving stage. A scene has to be changed in full view of the audience."

#### CAPT. VANCOUVER

ASHES MAY REST IN LAND NAMED AFTER HIM

Vancouver.—Plans are under way, sponsored by the local Canadian Club, for the removal from Petersham, Surrey, of the remains of Captain George Vancouver, who visited the site of this city in 1792 and after whom the city was named. His ashes will rest under a monument to be erected in his memory.

The British Agent-General in London has been asked to open negotiations with the British Government and any relatives that may be living. A great navigator and a pupil of Captain Cook, with whom he made two voyages as midshipman, George Vancouver went to Vancouver on a mission from the British Government in 1791 and returned in 1795, dying three years later at the age of 40.

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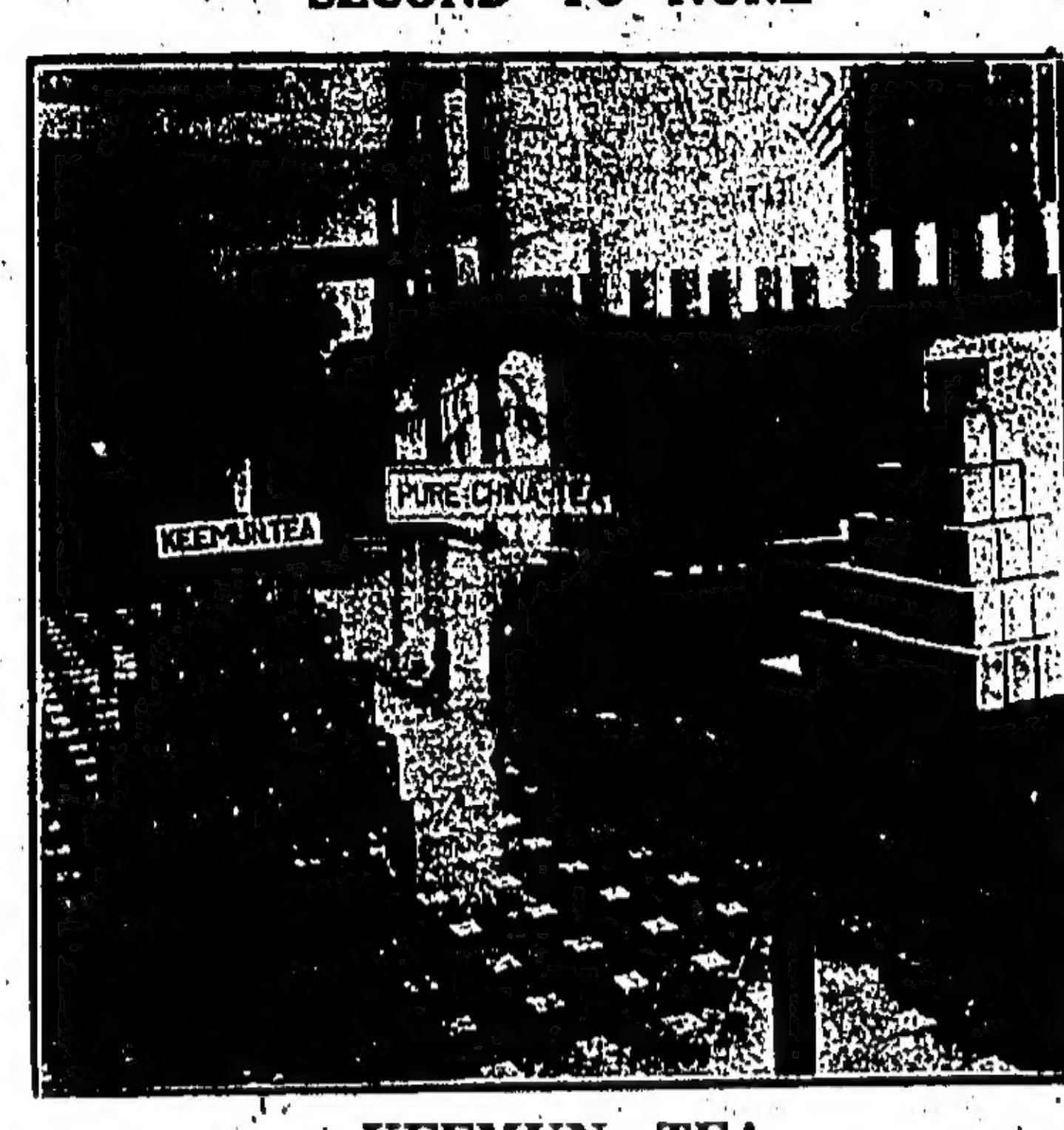
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AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, SHANGHAI.—The wedding of Mr. Lai Kwong-tsun and Miss May Yvonne Lim of San Francisco. Left to right, the Misses Helen Tom and Ruby Ow-Yang (flower-girls), Miss Elizabeth Ma (maid of honour), the bridegroom, the bride, Mr. Gordon Lum, the Chinese player in the Davis Cup tennis (best man), the Misses Barbara Lee and Florence Lee (flower-girls). Dean Trivett officiated.—(See report on page 6).



AT FANLING.—One of the large crowd of local golfers who make the Sunday morning trip to the popular course at Fanling.—(K. Fujiyama).

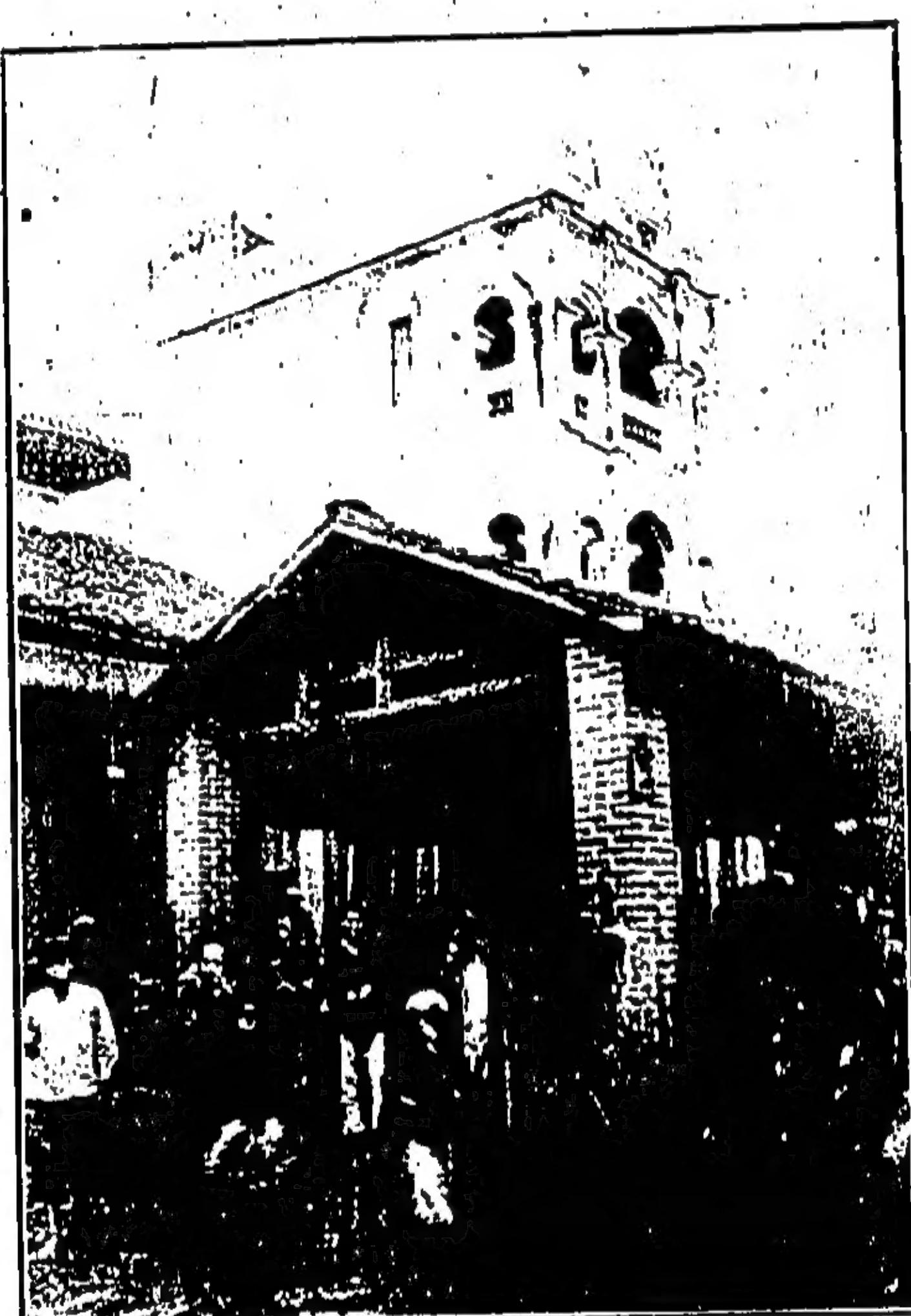


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PROOF OF PROGRESS.—The leading place of business in Taipingfu, on the Upper West River, in Kwangsi, through which Dr. A. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon of Hong Kong passed in their travels. The house is Chinese-built. Members of the white race are rare sights here. Not far away from Taipingfu, an A.P.C. man was killed a few years ago.—(Strict copyright).



HELD ON BOXING DAY.—The sports for the children of the staff of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha.—(K. Fujiyama).



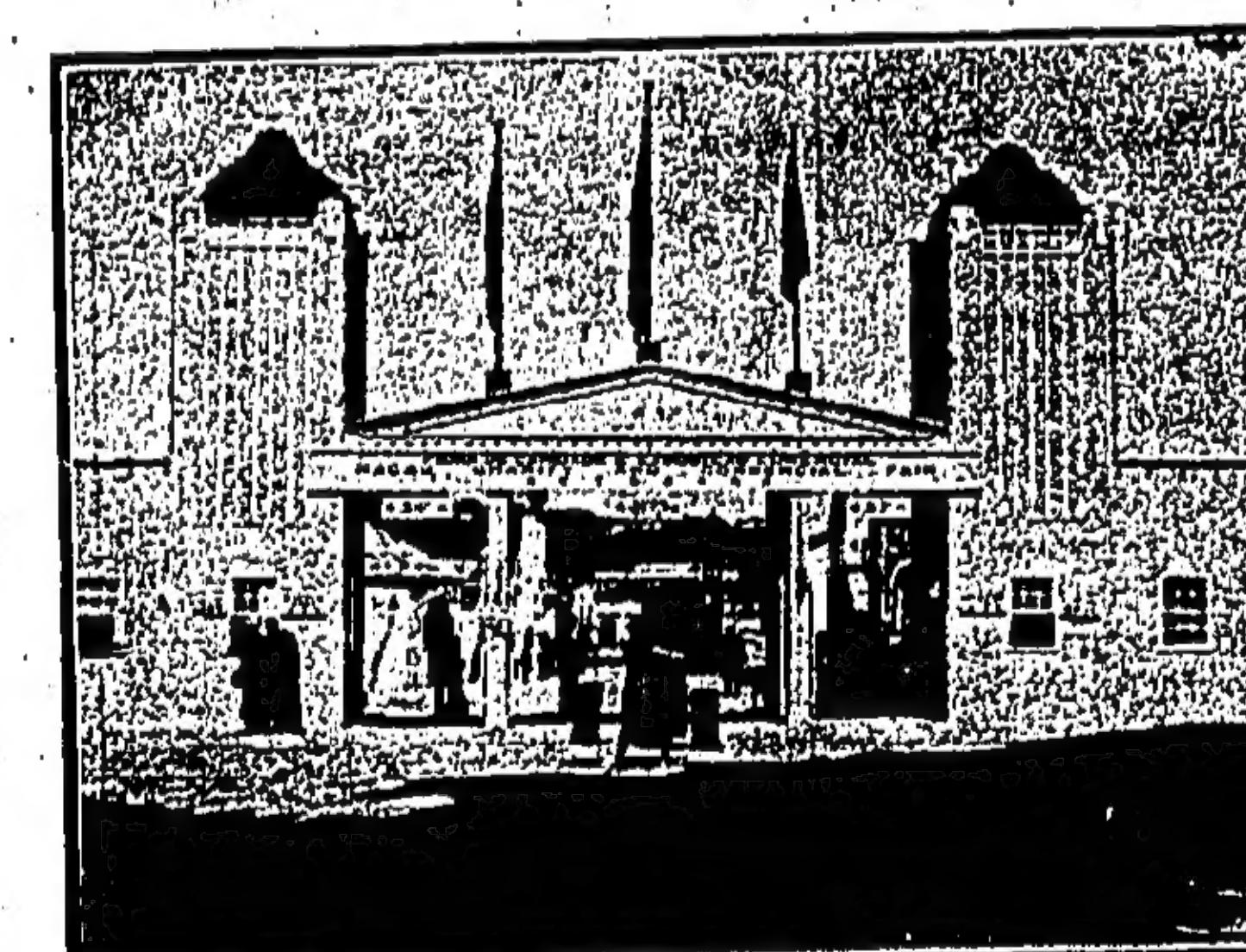
LANDING PLACE.—What the mighty West River looks like at Taipingfu, in Kwangsi province. The "reception" crowd were photographed by Dr. A. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon in their travels during the strike-boycott. The U.S. flag is flying over the motor-boat "Boston" which gave the travellers a lift.—(Strict copyright).



ARMY OFFICER'S CHILD.—Whose parents are Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., of the King's Own Scottish Borderers and Mrs. Lake.—(K. Fujiyama).



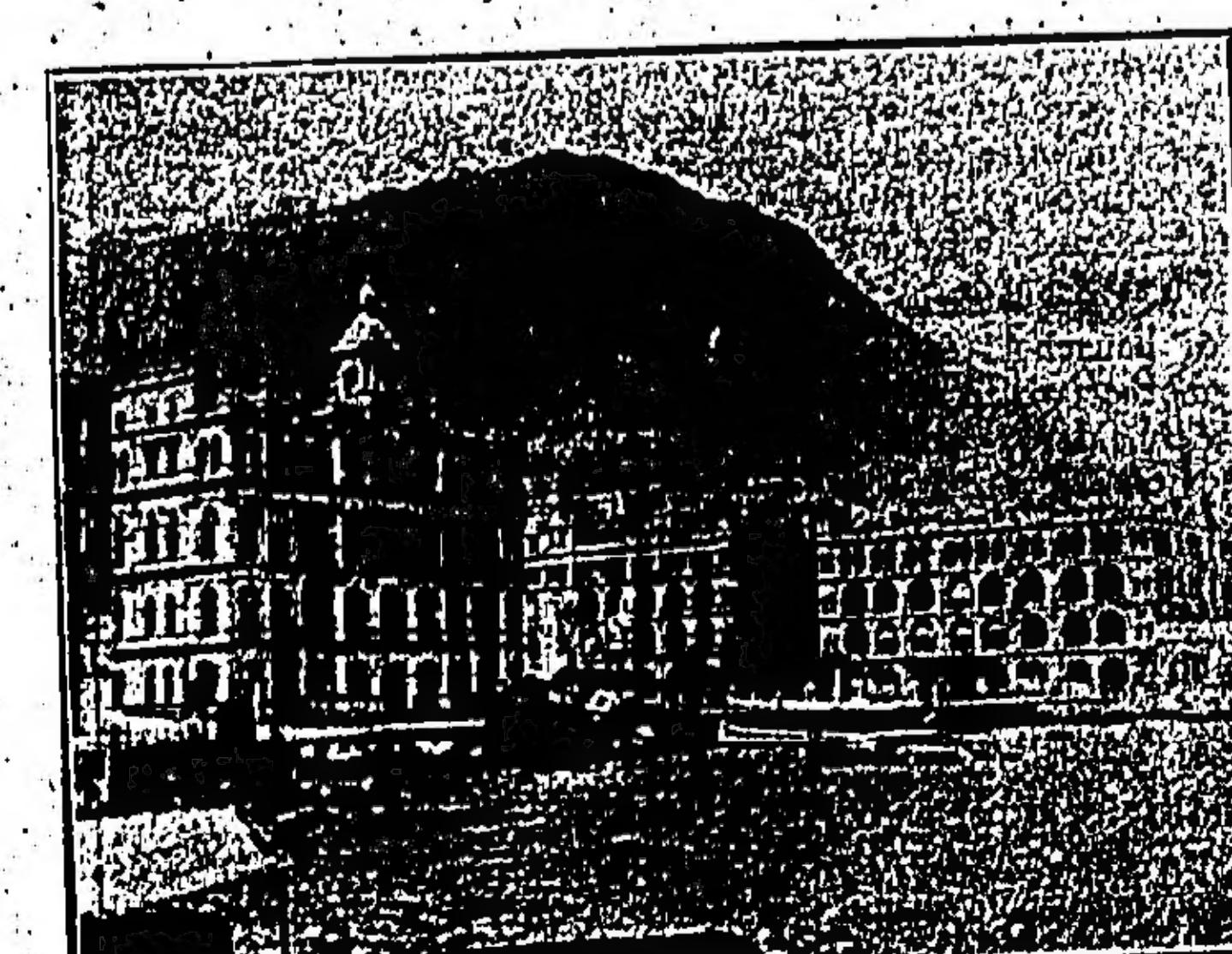
O.S.K. SPORTS.—Held for the children of the staff of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha on Boxing Day.—(K. Fujiyama).



MACAO FAIR.—The main entrance to the Macao Charity and Commercial Fair, which proved a great success.—(Po Man Lau).



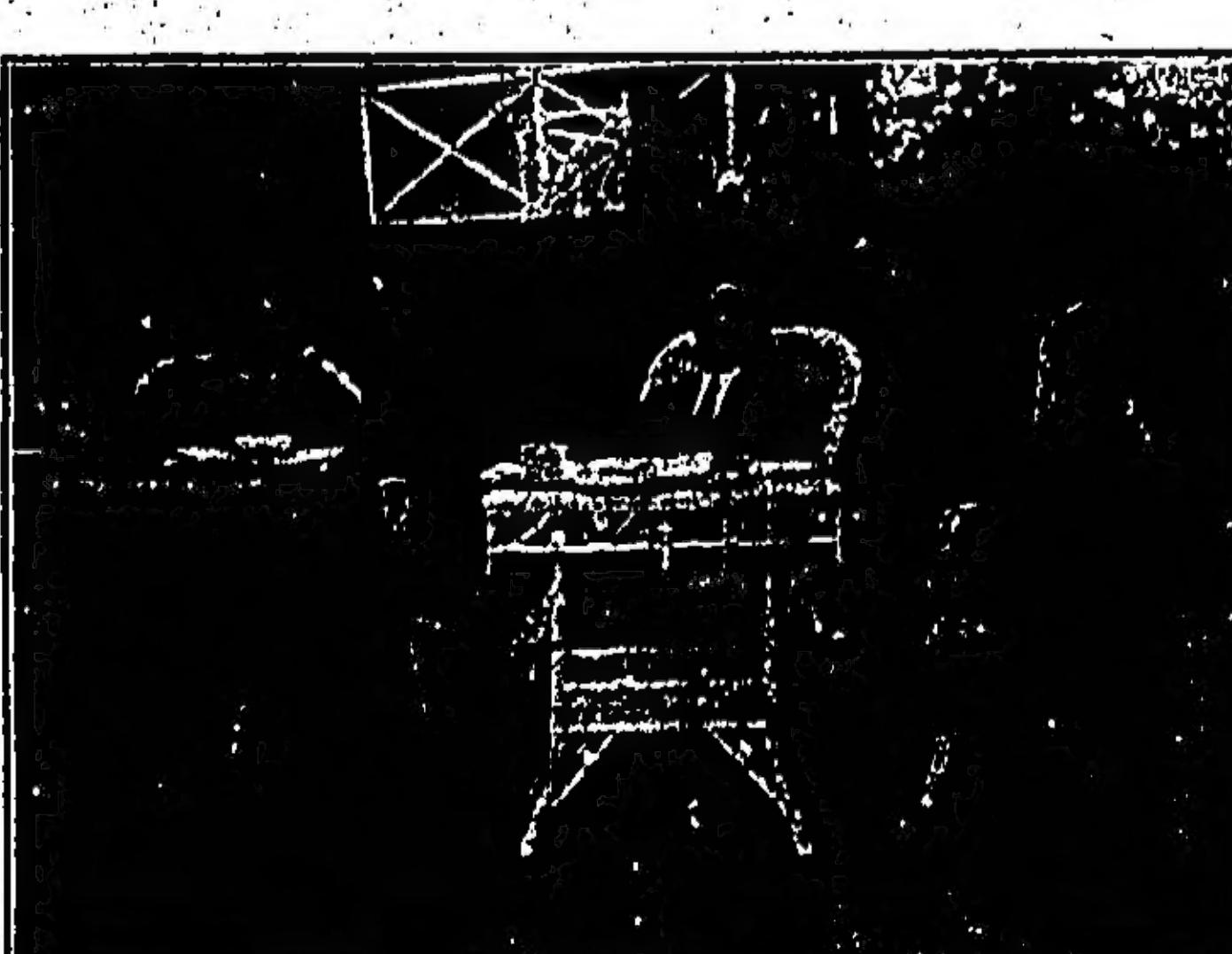
WHERE PIRATES FOUND SHELTER.—Banks of the Upper West River, between Lungchow and Taipingfu, where the water is only accessible to small craft. The banks range from 600 to 800 feet high. In caves near the river level (which can be seen on close inspection), pirates used to find shelter until quite recently when they were dislodged by the Kwangsi Government.—(Strict copyright).



ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.—Another of the Sunday morning visitors to the famous course at Fanling poses for the "China Mail" cameraman.—(K. Fujiyama).



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IN FAR-OFF KWANGSI.—Taken during Dr. A. Cannon's travels in Lungchow. Left to right, Mr. Brazier, Mr. Cupelli and Mrs. Cannon—taking tea at the residence of the Commissioner, Chinese Maritime Customs.

# THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED

An Ermine-Lined Wrap



A smart, Parisian ermine-lined wrap. Notice the simplicity of the dress over which it is meant to be worn, a relief from the trend to over-adorn.

## COOKING AS A PROFESSION

We hear a tremendous lot about careers for girls in these days, and whenever the subject is introduced into conversation various helpful people will straightway produce ideas on the subject which vary from working in a factory to becoming a doctor. There is one kind of work, however, which is often overlooked when careers are being discussed, and that is cooking, for many people seem to harbour all sorts of mistaken ideas on cooking as a career.

If you were to ask the average mother of a large family of girls which was the most suited to take up cooking as a profession, she would undoubtedly pick the dullest of the lot and also inform you that cooking as a profession wasn't, too good!

The idea that brains are not a necessary attribute for a cook is one of the most popular fallacies among those who fail to realize that it is brain and creative genius that divides the plain cook from the culinary expert. Educational authorities, of course, realize this and it is because they have during the last few years studied foods and the cooking of foods, which they know serves to break up cells and fibres, and destroys micro-organisms, bringing out certain nutritive values and eliminating the non-nutritive qualities of the food, that cooking

is now quite an important subject on the school curriculum.

In spite of the fact that we are occasionally startled by the announcement that in so many years hence we will be able to purchase and consume our food in tabloid form, the preference for well-cooked and toothsome dishes seems to increase rather than diminish, and there is little doubt that the future will hold ample scope and opportunities for women in the higher grades of cookery.

Indeed, the scope it affords is one of the most attractive things about cookery as a career; the moderate exponent of the art may obtain a position varying in importance in a private household as a plain cook, while the more expert and highly-trained cook could make money in many ways such as lecturing, demonstrating, contributing articles to the Press, or even by obtaining a position as a chef in an hotel.

Many people do not regard the subject of cooking and of catering with sufficient regard for its importance. It is, after all, every bit as important as any other trade, and far more so than many, when one considers that feeding a body properly and adequately may prevent that body from becoming unhealthy and diseased.

A creative mind and a good imagination are very necessary to the woman who would become an expert cook. In addition to a capacity for hard work and an evenness of temperament,

## THE EVENING MODE IS VARIED IN ITS APPEAL

Splendour for the Evening Is the Accepted Ruling. A Variety of Fabrics Including Chiffons, Laces, Tulle, Satins and Velvets Are Seen in Sweeping Lines of Elegance.



The evening mode, while varied to the extreme, also shows the trend of the season towards feminine appeal in the splendour of its styles and fabrics. There is seldom anything to be found which might be termed "simple" in the group of formal gowns taking their inspiration from Paris models. The day of elegance is at hand and it is being demonstrated in many moods.

Among the newest features in formal gowns are the use of stiff fabrics. These are decidedly formal in their appeal. They present a mode which gives a clean, sophisticated and most unusual silhouette.

There is grace of movement, of course, but this takes

second place to the beauty of fabric and the appeal to elegance in the gracefully designed lines. The stiff fabrics in velvet, satin, moire and taffetas are found fashioning gowns which have succeeded to a great extent the robe de style of last season which depended upon bouffant lines for its appeal.

The formal gown of to-day stresses the appeal of elegance rather more than picturesqueness. There is a sweep and dash to these gowns of decided long lines with back fullness, trains, dipped hemlines and colour appeal in their gorgeous fabrics. The stately gowns are at hand and those fashioned of heavy materials are its best representatives. It takes dignity and sophistication to attempt them.

Another type of evening gown

which will be much in evidence this winter is the glittering gown. Last season saw but few of this type and consequently this year makes them appear almost a novelty. Beaded fabrics, spangled and jetted materials vie with delicate fabrics which possess dazzling tracery or patches of brilliance in beautiful designs.

Gold and silver laces as well as colours which are combined with glittering threads contribute a colourful and scintillating effect in formal gowns. These in draped models or in the more formal groups which include trains present an almost regal aspect.

Gowns which flutter and swirl, which fall in lines of grace and express youth in their movement are to be found in chiffons and laces and tulles. The dipping hemline, the deep decolletage, the fitted bodice, the great fullness below the hips, back fullness, the use of hingeries shoulder straps and the length of limb are all featured in the sheer fabrics. Black tulle is newly chic when handled as it is this season with its bouffancy appearing well below the moulded hip lines. In chiffons, too, this rule creates the most interesting of models.

The princess line appears in new ways in the formal frocks of sheer velvets, satins and chiffons. Chiffon velvet, which clings so beautifully

to the figure, also falls with grace into circular panels, cascade effects and forms uneven hemlines of extreme beauty. While all these variations of the mode pronounce it new, the princess line remains subtly present as a successful background for the ingenuity of the Paris designer.

Fabrics in which rayon is present create other interesting gowns in which the successful handling of materials present an important item. Gracefully floating folds are obtained in velvet and rayon combinations which are also startlingly beautiful of themselves.

Between the very fragile fabrics and the newly stiff ones are to be found the velvets and crepe satins and these constitute a mighty number in the gracefully moulded types of gowns.

Billie Dove, seen in the First National motion picture, "The Night Watch," has need of many formal gowns in her social life in Hollywood and possesses those of fragile, fluttering appeal as well as the beautifully draping velvets and satins and the stiff, formal velvets, satins and moires.

## Smart Fur Ensemble



Again the fur ensemble. This time the jacket is of Russian caracul trimmed with black monkey, while the "wrap-around" skirt is entirely made of monkey skins.

## Another New Ensemble



From the Rue de la Paix, this ensemble of oak coloured shaved lamb, an outfit consisting of coat, skirt, hat and muff. Notice the harmony of the ensemble.

## CEILING STAINS

This time of the year when our uncertain climate provides us with one shock after another, it is no unusual thing for the house-proud to be horrified, after a heavy rain-storm, at seeing the beauty of a hitherto perfectly good white ceiling, sullied by the appearance of unsightly marks caused, of course, by the water dripping through,

A good way to obliterate these marks is to make a mixture about the consistency of cream, by mixing some white starch with cold water. Brush lightly the marred part of the ceiling, and then dab the starch mixture on carefully. Allow this to dry and the mark will be obliterated for the mixture dries in the form of a thick white powder which effectively disguises the stain.

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## UNSUITABLE FURNITURE

There is probably no more fascinating pastime for the newly married than choosing the furniture for their new house. One seldom visits an establishment where furniture is sold without seeing at least one young couple in the shop, gravely examining furniture, weighing the pros and cons, and sometimes, either by asking very silly questions or omitting to ask really vital and necessary ones, proclaiming to the observant their extreme inexperience.

Very often one imagines they are mere children playing at being grown-up, and indeed some of them are little more than children when in the hands of an expert and, sometimes, one fears, unscrupulous salesman.

It is on occasions like this when the advice and guidance of an older person would be useful, but, of course, such guidance is never, or at least seldom, either sought on the one hand, or offered on the other. Few young couples realize that such assistance is necessary, for now at last they have a chance of allowing their own ideas to have full sway, and the long looked-for opportunity of pleasing themselves without interference and of watching their own get-schemes materialise in not to be spoiled by the seeking of advice from anybody.

Inexperience, however, is dangerous, of course, well known, but it seems a pity that some people should so foolishly dispose of money which has probably taken a lot of saving, especially in these days, when, owing to the unsatisfactory economic industrial conditions, frequently young people have to wait quite a long time before they can be married, because of financial difficulties.

## A NOTE ON SOAP

In many households small pieces of soap are frequently wasted and are allowed to become sticky, unpleasant and consequently unusable. It is a good idea to save the odds and ends of toilet soaps of all kinds, put them in a jar and allow to dry. When a fair amount has accumulated, grate the pieces until small and put through a food chopper (using the medium cutter). Then take one cupful of the soap and add to it one and a half cupfuls of fine cornflour or oatmeal, and put this mixture through the food chopper again to reduce it to a coarse meal.

Then to each 2½ cupfuls of the soap mixture add one ounce of olive oil.

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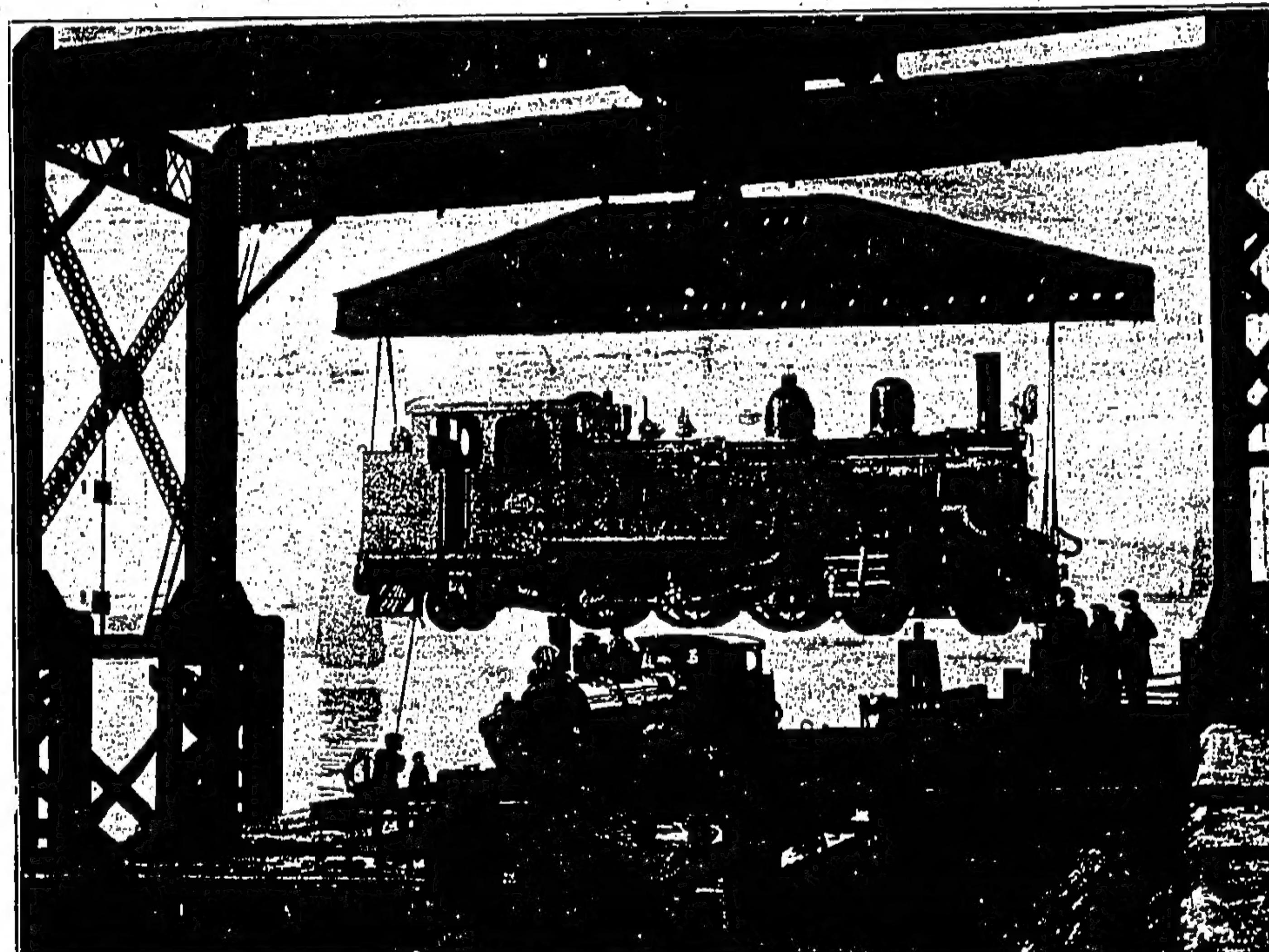
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RYE LIFEBOAT HEROES' SIMPLE FUNERAL.—The bodies of fifteen of the Rye harbour lifeboatmen who lost their lives owing to their boat capsizing on returning from an errand of mercy in raging seas, were laid to rest in one grave in the little churchyard by the sea at Rye harbour, Sussex. The whole village was in mourning. Photo shows changing over of the coffin bearers formed by members of the British Legion and fishermen, who worked in relays during the trek to the graveside.—(Sport and General).



H.M. THE KING'S ILLNESS.—The solicitude of his people. A part of the large crowd that gathered daily outside Buckingham Palace to await the latest bulletin of the condition of His Majesty.—(Sport and General).



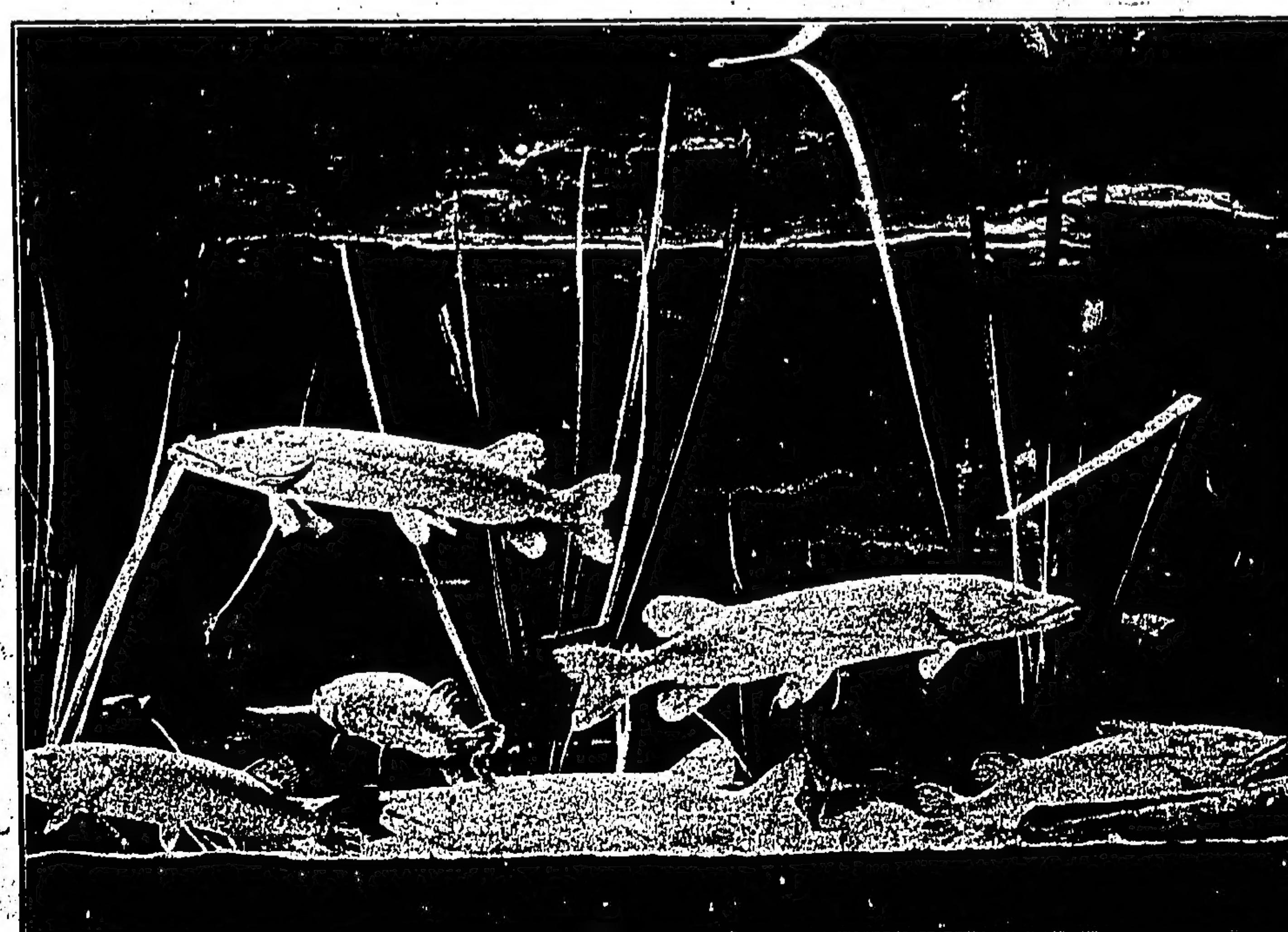
BRITISH LOCOMOTIVE FOR AMERICA.—Lifting a locomotive bodily with one huge crane at Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Ltd.'s works at Scotwood-on-Tyne, to be placed on a lighter for transhipment to South America.—(Sport and General).



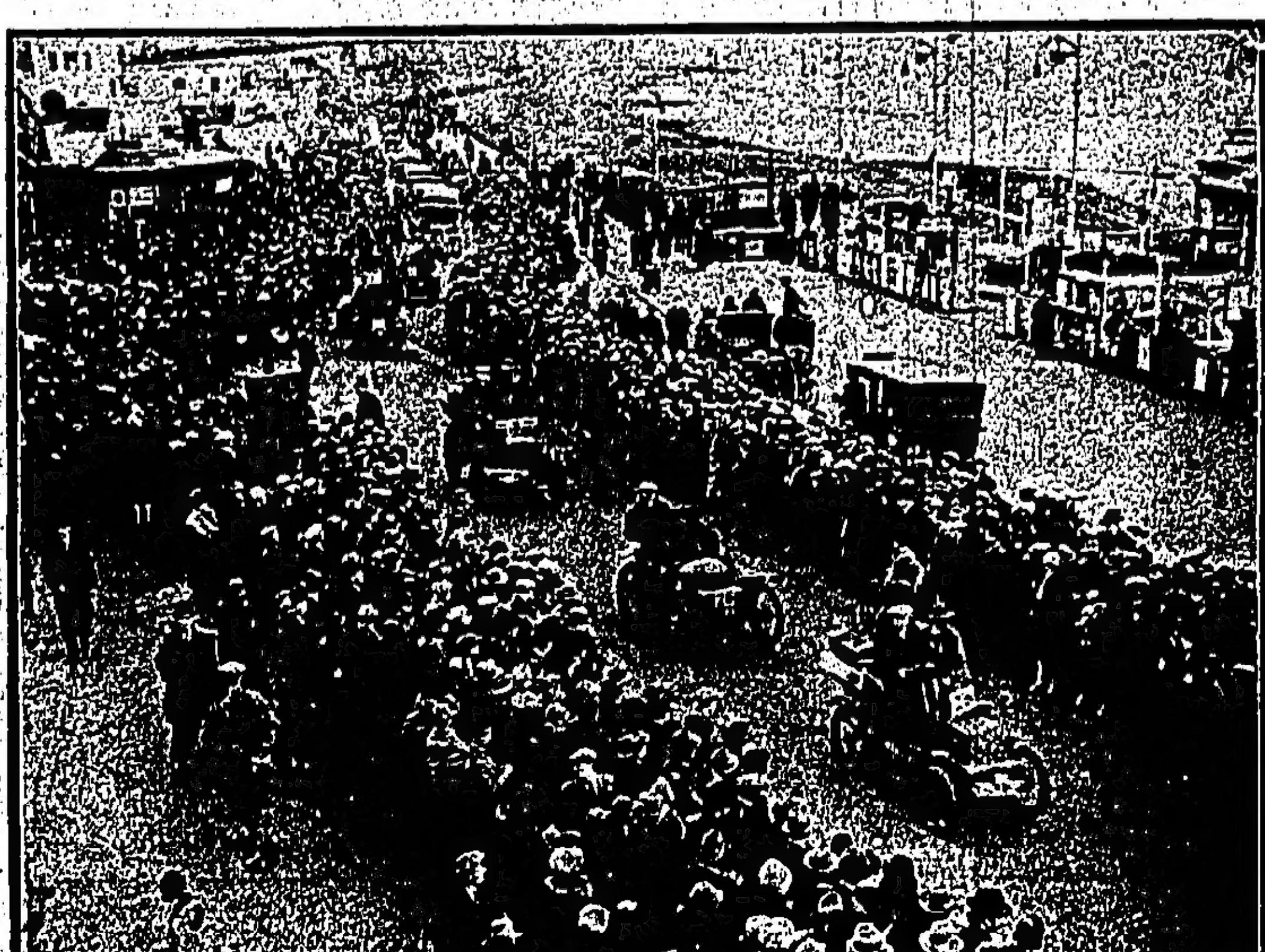
FATHER CHRISTMAS.—So varied and wonderful were the new designs for Christmas crackers at Home this season, that it is difficult to decide on the best. This group includes a wonderful assortment. A bride, a crinoline lady, a windmill and the popular Kewpie doll.—(Sport and General).



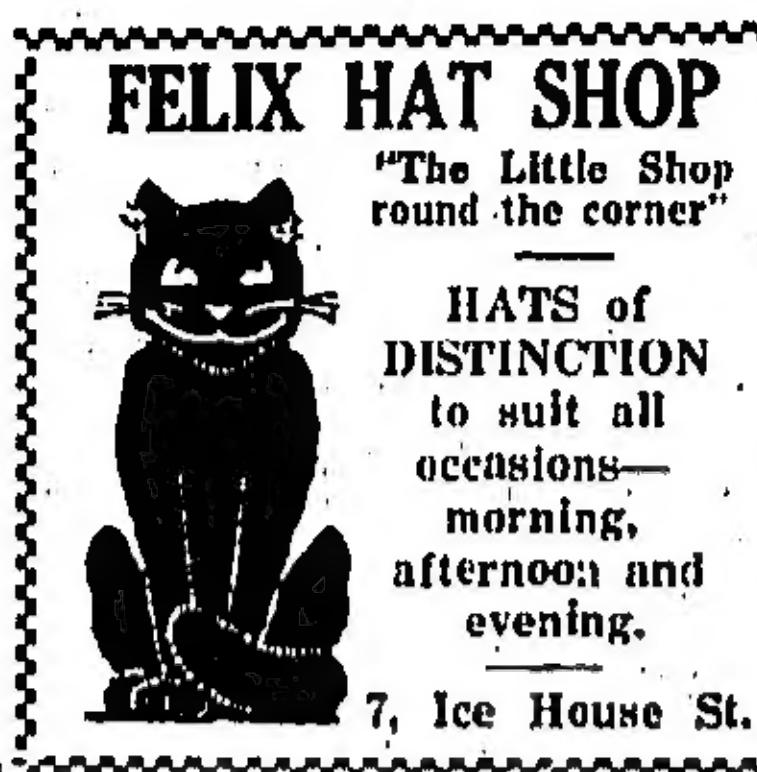
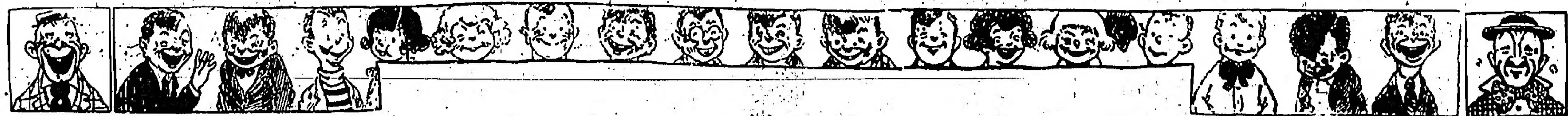
RYE LIFEBOAT DISASTER.—Officials of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution carried out a thorough examination on the day following the disaster, of the lifeboat, overturned after being washed up. Our picture shows a tank turning over the ill-fated lifeboat on the shingle at Jury's Gap near Dungeness, Kent.—(Sport and General).



SCENES IN THE FAMOUS AQUARIUM AT THE LONDON ZOO.—An interesting picture of pike fish swimming in their natural haunts.—(Sport and General).



THE "OLD CROCKS."—Annual run from London to Brighton, in which 48 of the oldest motor-cars in Great Britain, ranging in age from 25 to 35 years, took part to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of Emancipation Day, when, for the first time, it became legal for a car to use the public highway without being preceded by a man with a red flag. The time limit for the run was 6½ hours and, after the journey, the vehicles formed a procession and toured Brighton much to the amusement of large crowds. Here is a general view of the crowd at Brighton watching the procession pass the Aquarium.—(Sport and General).



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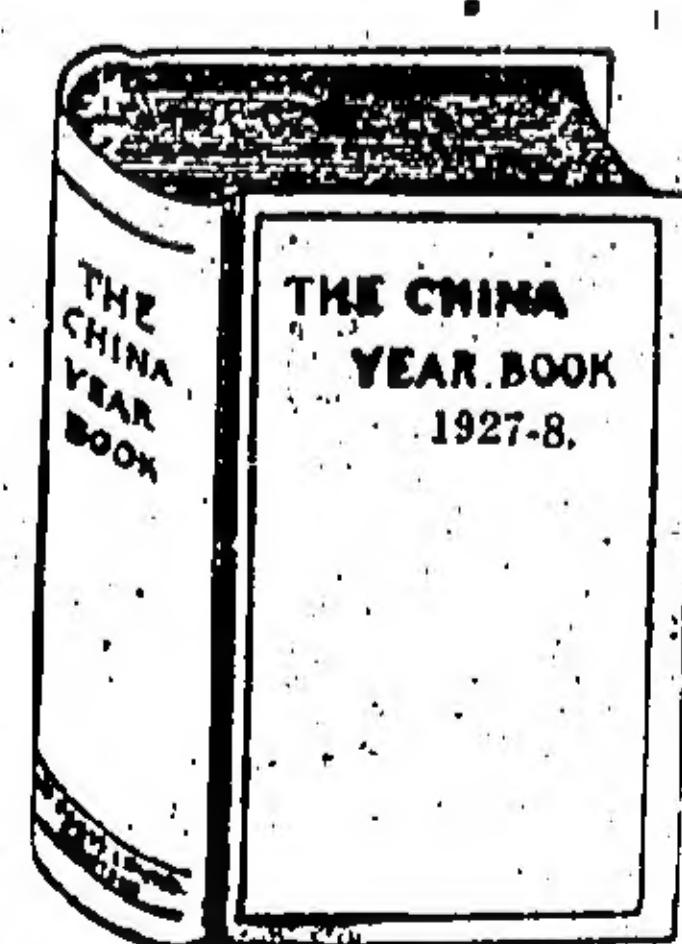
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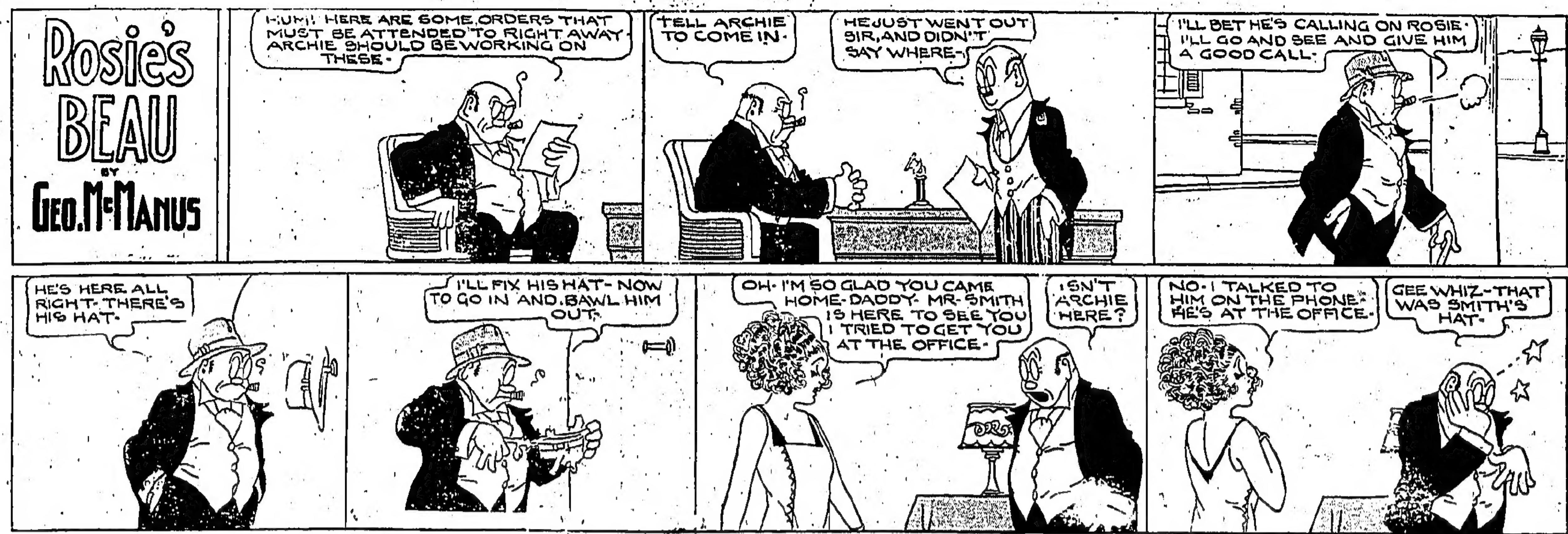
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## XIV.—LEST MY WEAKER BROTHER STUMBLE

[By The Rev. Dr. J. E. Ennals, B.A., B.D. (Rosebank Union Church, Johannesburg.)]

The South African Women's Christian Temperance Union and kindred societies, in which the author of this sermon takes a keen interest, deserve well of the public, for they are carrying on a hard and uphill fight against intemperance and the many evils which follow in its train.

The Rev. Dr. J. E. Ennals has for the last nine years been pastor of Rosebank Union Church. He has just returned from attending the Baptist World Congress at Toronto, where the honorary degree of D.D. was conferred on him by McMaster University.

[Text: "Why hast thou broken down her fences, so that all they which pass by do pluck her." (Psalm 80, v. 12.)]

The vine carved on the great doors of the temple in Jerusalem was regarded as a type of the people of God. This psalm depicts its glory as brought out of Egypt, deep-rooted in the land, covering the mountains with branches reaching to the Mediterranean, and its shoots to the Euphrates. Then all this prosperity was blighted by the breaking down of the protecting fence, and it was ravaged by the boar and wild beasts. This is a picture of the most divinely favoured society and nation when the fences of restriction no longer avail to keep out the devastating corruptions that destroy its finer life. As Jeremiah says: "I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into a degenerate plant?"

God's purpose for every people is its fullest development, and richest life. The clear conviction of the Temperance Folk is, that as in Isaiah's day, intemperance is the cause of one of the chief breaches in the safeguarding fence, on which the safety and well-being of the body politic depends.

The benefit of a fence is not always realised. Liquor regulations are too often regarded purely from the standpoint of restriction of the liberty of the subject, forgetting that all liberty is limited by the welfare of others, and that it is only licence that cannot bear restrictions at all.

Temperance aims are thought to be merely negative—"Thou shalt not," and the natural man is apt to resent this. If we look from the other point of view, however, and think of the fence of restriction as safeguarding the finer elements of social and national life, we realise that it is a positive good, the provision of that sheltering wall, behind which the finest fruits of the garden may grow.

The open field may appeal to one who loves the wilds. Thirty years ago with few fences we had to import eggs, butter, bacon and cheese. Now with fences, and the better cultivation encouraged by them, we produce these things ourselves. You cannot have a garden without a fence, but what a delightful pleasure and place of refreshment may be found within. It cannot be gainsaid that a life and a society that is without the demolishing influence of drunkenness, is free from one of the most serious hindrances to full self-control and finest development. The Hebrew idea of the "holy" was the undefiled by the common foot of every passer-by, sacred by seclusion. Now strong drink is the greatest breaker-down of reserve.

When drink has weakened the reserve of self-respect, there is no folly to which one may not be led. It opens the way for all the baser passions to enter and destroy the growths and fruits of character that seemed to be already ripening. The finer the quality the greater the ruin.

## Brain Centres of Judgment

Strong drink first affects the higher brain centres of judgment, self-esteem and will power, and so lessens the power of restraint. By its deadening of self-criticism it deludes one with the idea of greater efficiency, when all exact tests reveal that less is obtained. How many a life is ruined hopelessly because the reserves of honour or of honesty have been broken down for a moment. There are many sins to which people cannot sink except when they are under the influence of strong drink. But it has made a breach through which the wild beasts of the wood have entered and laid waste the fair garden of promise. Let us not speak of the breaking down of the fence as a trivial thing, as if the fence only were concerned; the great matter is that the garden is no longer protected. Life that was meant to enjoy an Eden is turned adrift in the wilderness. The devil still tempts with promises of wider experience, and the first escape from restrictions has seemed to many as a newborn liberty. The awakening has come only with the discovery of the uprooting of the precious fruits of a lifetime's growth.

In public matters we shall be in a stronger position as abstainers ourselves to advocate restrictions for others. You cannot ask others to do what you yourself will not do. May I remark that prohibition has been recognised as a good thing when applied to the natives, even if viewed from the standpoint that it provides a great means of security for the whites. The disorder and serious crime of the week-ends thirty years ago was in striking contrast to what obtains to-day. The Black Peril would be much more serious were the excitable minds of these children of nature inflamed by unlimited strong drink. The native, however, is increasingly demanding equal treatment, and it is becoming palpably evident that if prohibition is to be maintained for one section of the community it can only be made completely effective by extending it to all. What has been long regarded as a matter of abstract justice if all were to be treated alike, is becoming, through our peculiar racial situation, the wisest policy. It means a self-denying ordinance, of course, but it is not well worth while putting restraint upon appetite for the safety and well-being of the community.

The lukewarm spirit of Laodicean indifference can only result in trouble. There is always a bigger bill to pay for the things we allow to slide. Just so that ancient city did not trouble to maintain its aqueduct with the result that to-day there are even its ruins can hardly be traced. There are always fences to be maintained and repaired to be effected in the temperance cause. For many interests are always at work undermining its defences, like the white ants eating the heart out of fencing poles. We need the hard wood of strong conviction and consecration to the cause, which alone can be relied upon to resist the encroachments of this insidious foe.

## "MOCKERY".

## CLOSES SEASON TO-DAY AT QUEEN'S

"Mockery," Lon Chaney's thrilling picture will be screened for the last time to-day at the Queen's Theatre. The story is woven around a dull Russian peasant who meets with some startling adventures during the revolution. Chaney contributes some remarkable acting in his difficult role which is entirely different from anything previously attempted by the star. Thrills and suspense intermingling with a charming romance, and, under the splendid direction of Benjamin Christensen, Interest is maintained until the end. "Circus Rookies," a new comedy featuring Carl Dane and George K. Arthur, will be shown from to-morrow till Tuesday.

## WORLD THEATRE

"Ben Hur" the \$200,000 film masterpiece is the feature attraction at the World Theatre. Spectacular and thrilling, it is a picture which may be seen again and again with equal enjoyment. Ramon Novarro leads a huge cast of 160,000 players.

## STAR THEATRE

The Duncan Sisters will be seen together in their first film production of "Topey and Eva" at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The picture is based upon the famous story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" retaining, however, more comedy than was presented in the stage play.

The Chinese Maritime Customs having effected the second payment for the year 1928 on the Boxer Indemnity the coupons No. 8 of the 5 per cent. Gold Loan 1925 with the bonds drawn on December 3 last, will be redeemable on the 16th inst. through the Agencies of the Banque Franco-Chinoise. Pour le Commerce et l'Industrie.

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POLITICAL LEADER ENTERTAINED.—Mr. Takejiro Tokonami, President of the Shinto Party, who arrived in Shanghai as an unofficial Japanese envoy to China, was the guest of honour at a dinner at the Shanghai Bankers' Club. Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, and leading merchants of Shanghai, including Messrs. Wang I-ting and C. C. Chao, were among those present.

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Mockery."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Topsy & Eva."

To-day—World Theatre; "Ben Hur."

Jan. 6-8—Queen's Theatre; "Girous Rookies."

Jan. 7—Theatre Royal; "The Mac-

donald Players," 9.15 p.m.

Jan. 7-8—World Theatre; "Topy and Eva" (at 5.10 & 9.15) Chinese picture, "4 Emancipators" (at 2.30 & 7.15).

Jan. 7-8—Star Theatre; "On Your Toes."

Jan. 9-10—World Theatre; "On Your Toes" (at 5.10 & 9.15) Chinese Picture "4 Emancipators" (at 2.30 & 7.15).

Jan. 9-10—World Theatre; "The Escape."

Jan. 9-10—Star Theatre; "Tess of d'Urbervilles."

Jan. 9-12—Queen's Theatre; "The Way of All Flesh."

Jan. 10—Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 11-12—Star Theatre; "Proud Flesh."

Land Sale

Jan. 7—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown Land at Shamshui-poo, 8 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions

Jan. 7—At Sales Room, Duddell-st, 50 pieces American Black Patent leather, 12 pieces Black Cotton Duck & one case black drills, 11.30 a.m.

Jan. 7—At Sales Room, One Triumph Combination Motor Boat (at A. King's Slipway, Causeway Bay), 8 p.m.

Jan. 8—At Sales Room, valuable household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Sport

To-day—Boxing tournament, City Hall.

Meetings

Jan. 8—Monthly meeting of Members of Marine Engineers' Guild at David House, 57, Des Voeux-rd., 6 p.m.

Jan. 11—Extraordinary general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Club House, 6 p.m.

Jan. 13—H.K.V.D.C. No. 2 Platoon Rifles Club meeting, Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—Agricultural Show, New Territories (Sheungshui), 3 p.m.

Jan. 7—Lecture and film show by Mr. Clarke Irvine at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

## IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN  
TO JAVA

Mr. J. H. Pedlow takes the place of Mr. G. L. Ham as an unofficial trustee of Pinang Free School, Singapore.

Before Sir William Murlow in the Bankruptcy Court, Singapore, T. B. Rogers applied for an order rescinding and annulling orders made on August 28. Mr. V. D. Knowles appeared for the applicant and read an affidavit by Mr. Rogers. The bankrupt's personal liabilities were \$16,258 and assets \$555 and the liabilities of the firm amounted to \$8,900 and assets \$7,879. In the affidavit it was stated that all except one of his creditors had withdrawn their proofs. Sufficient money had been placed with the Official Assignee to pay this creditor 100 per cent. The orders were granted.

"Now that he has been deprived of the 40 per cent. of the pony-racing tax, the Gendarmerie Commissioner, Gen. Hsiung Hsi-hui, has telegraphed to the Ministry of Finance asking that money should be remitted to him for the upkeep of his troops. The Ministry, it will be recalled, recently ordered that the pony-racing tax should be handed over to the Municipality of Greater Shanghai for municipal improvements."

In commemoration of the 32nd anniversary of the death of Dr. Jose Rizal, the Filipino community of Shanghai met to listen to a literary and musical programme which was given in Eddie's Cafe. Mr. V. Espina, chairman of the executive committee, presided, and addresses on the life of Dr. Rizal were given by Mr. P. Natividad and Mr. L. R. Ildefonso. The musical programme was sustained by the National Orchestra; Mrs. E. Sarreal, Mr. Juan B. Cadiz, Mr. A. Abolardo, Mr. Allnsed, Mr. Albert Roche, Mr. J. Canlas, Mr. A. Yvarolaza, Miss Miquela Salterio and Mr. M. Andres.

The Shanghai police record for the week ending December 22 reveals an especially active warfare on armed robbers within the Settlement. The authorities effected the capture of no fewer than 27 armed desperadoes among whom are several with long criminal records that the police have been anxious to bring to a close. The Louza Station heads the list with a total of 12 captures while the Yangtze-poo Station achieves second place with six arrests to their credit. The Wayside Station took into custody one Chinese who is believed to be the fountain head of supply of pistol ammunition when a house was raided, and the occupant found in the possession of over 200 rounds of ammunition.

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NOTICE.

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SHAUKIWAN SCENE

A range of matsheds, belonging to a boat builder and covering an area of 500 feet on 100 feet, caught fire at Shaukiwan near the tramway terminus last night.

The alarm was received at 8.28 and the brigade turned out four machines under Mr. H. T. Brooks and other European officers, while the fire float was also in attendance. About sixty men from the 12th Heavy Battery Royal Artillery stationed at Lyemun Barracks, commanded by Capt. Nair and Lieut. Quinn, assisted the firemen. The area affected comprises about a hundred and fifty huts and small buildings, where they were served as dwelling places and partly tiny factories.

How the fire started is a mystery at the moment and it is presumed that the outbreak was due to carelessness.

There are large numbers of people without homes and the Tung Wah Hospital, it is understood, distributed a large consignment of winter clothes to the refugees.

Another fire broke out from a chimney at No. 64a, Bonham Strand, at about 6 p.m. yesterday and was put out by the timely arrival of the fire brigade.

The third fire broke out at about 10 p.m. yesterday at No. 30, Paya East and was soon extinguished by the firemen.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY  
G.O.W.

ON 300 METRES

The public are notified that all wireless receiving licences issued during 1928 expired December 31, 1928.

Licences may be obtained at the licensing section of the Government Radio Office on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building in Des Voeux Road Central.

The licensing fee for the current year is five dollars.

Receiving licences are issued to any person regardless of nationality upon payment of the fee.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

1.45 p.m.—Weather Report.  
5.30 p.m.—Demonstration programme.  
7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening programme (Victor Records).  
Gems From "Sunny,"  
Gems From "Cocoanut,"

Victor Light Opera Company.  
Gems From "Aida,"  
Victor Light Opera Company.  
8.25 p.m.—Dance Music.

9 p.m.—Gems From "No No Nanette,"  
Gems From "Rosalie,"

Victor Light Opera Company.  
Gems From "Pagliacci,"  
Gems From "Cavalleria Rusticana,"

Victor Light Opera Company.  
9.25 p.m.—Dance Music.  
10 p.m.—News Bulletin and Local Announcements.

10.10 p.m.—Dance Music.  
10.30 p.m.—God Save The King.

Close Down.

FOR TRIAL

INDIAN WITH FORGED  
BANK NOTES

Alleged to have been hidden in the bedding of room No. 518 of the Tai Law-tin boarding house, in Des Voeux-road Central, number of forged Bank notes were described as being very crude.

Kam Singh, an ex-skipper's guard and Police informer, was yesterday charged at the Central Magistracy with possession of these notes, and also with having two rounds of .308 rifle ammunition without a licence.

After evidence, the defendant was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defendant.

Messrs. J. and P. Coats, the cotton firm, has placed a £300,000 order with the Associated Finnish Spoolmakers for the delivery of spools representing the Finnish output for a year.

5 MONTHS STOCK

WATER RETURNS OF THE  
COLONY

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

At the present rate of consumption, there was just five months' stock of water in the reservoirs on Hong Kong on the last day of last year, according to the returns issued by the Public Works Department.

On Dec. 31, 1928, the total in storage was 998.52 million gallons (as against 1,448.25 a year before). In December, 1928, the service to rider main districts was disconnected and a street fountain supply given instead. In December, 1927, the western district was under-rations, but a full supply was available for other parts of the city.

Figures for Kowloon show slightly increased consumption and storage a little less than twelve months before. The accompanying details furnish statistical comparison.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1929.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS

1928 1929

Tytam Byewash 12' 6" 15' 6"

Tytam Intermediate 20' 6" 24' 0"

Tytam Tuk 22' 6" 47' 0"

Wong Nei Chung 18' 4" 24' 4"

Pokfulam 19' 3" 23' 0"

(Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; L denotes "Level with Overflow"; S denotes "Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons")

1928 1929

Tytam Byewash 285.76 266.14

Tytam Intermediate 33 80

Tytam Tuk 195.90 183.00

Wong Nei Chung 926.98 522.00

Pokfulam 12.46 7.03

Total 1,448.25 998.52

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

1927 1928

Consumption 271.68 190.41

Estimated population 417,940 428,260

Consumption per head 20.9 14.8

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during December, 1927, with the exception of the districts of Western and Eastern Street where an Interim Supply was given from December 1 to 31, 1927. Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains daily during December, 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL

1928 1929

Kowloon Reservoir 7' 4" 9' 0"

Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 1' 1" 9' 0"

Reception Reservoir 2' 3" 1' 8"

Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.

1928 1929

Kowloon Reservoir 280.42 260.74

Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 96.37 104.10

Reception Reservoir 27.24 28.75

Total 404.03 393.59

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

1927 1928

Consumption 88.68 109.76

Estimated population 163,180 168,220

Consumption per head 17.5 21.0

Full Supply in all districts during December 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to December 31, 1927, 107.87; December 31, 1928, 71.16.

BOILER WORKING

JURY'S RECOMMENDATION AT  
INQUEST

WOMAN'S DEATH

The jury which sat with Mr. R. E. Lindsell to hold an inquiry into the death of a Chinese woman following a boiler explosion in a Shaukiwan rubber factory at 7 p.m. on December 17 last, returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

They added the recommendation to the effect that since there is an Ordinance requiring a certificate for the installing and working of boilers in the Colony, the Government should be asked to see that it did not remain a dead letter, but be put in force. It should also be seen to by periodical examinations made by the Government Surveyor that all boilers be worked under skilled supervision.

The jury also agreed with the suggestion made by two witnesses at the inquiry with regard to the surveying of all steam boilers in the Colony.

His Worship inquired if any compensation had been made in connection with the death of the woman, and the Chinese manager of the factory replied that the sum of \$100 had been paid.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Lindsell said that he agreed with their verdict, and their recommendation would be forwarded to the Government.

Evidence was given by the factory manager yesterday that vulcanisers were in the charge of a man named Ho Yau. He was a skilled engineer, but had not had any experience with vulcanisers.

The explosion took place about a week after he took charge. He was slightly injured in the explosion and could not now be found in the Colony.

EXCHANGE

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—Bank, Wire 2/- 1/4

Bank, on demand 2/- 5/5

Bank, 30 days' sight

Bank, 4 months' sight

Credits, 4 months' sight

Documentary 4 months' sight

On Paris—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 1267/2

Credits, 4 months' sight

On Berlin—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 88/4

On New York—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 49/4

Credits, 60 days' sight 50/4

On Bombay—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 134/4

On Calcutta—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 134/4

On Singapore—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 86/4

On Manila—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 98/4

On Shanghai—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 78/4

30 days' sight (private paper)

On Yokohama—Bank, Wire 1/2 1/4

Bank, on demand 106/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 9.55

Silver (per oz.) 26 5/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong 8% prem.

Copper Cash Nominal Chinese Copper Cents 8% prem.

Rate of Native Interest 7% p.a.

# Sport Columns

## DOGS

## WHY SO MANY KINDS?

## CHEQUERED PEDIGREES

By Professor J. Arthur Thomson

Some animals are very conservative, and as the rock-records prove, have remained unchanged for millions of years. The Lampshell Lingula, the Pearly Nautilus, and the Lung-fish Ceratodus may be mentioned as examples of persistent types, so old-fashioned that Darwin called them "living fossils." They appear to have reached a position of very perfect equilibrium in a particular environment, and have remained the same for long ages. On the other hand, such an animal as the Fruit-fly Drosophila, or such a plant as Lamarc's Evening Primrose, seems to be at present in an extraordinarily sportive mood, giving rise to mutation after mutation. Everyone knows how difficult it is to get two rusts which are quite the same in plumage, and the snapdragons in the garden are always showing us some new grimace.

## Many Varieties

There are many different breeds of pigs, but there must be some good reason why these are, as it were, within a narrow radius as compared with dogs. There are many races of domesticated rabbits, but nothing to what we find among the rabbits' natural enemies. There is great diversity among domestic fowls, but there is not that exuberance of variability that is in evidence at a dog show. Toy terrier and wolfhound, poodle and Aisian, dachshund and greyhound are farther away from one another than any two varieties of domestic cat. Why are there so many different kinds of dog?

The first reason for the large number of different races of dog is probably to be found in the multiple pedigree. For it is very likely that dogs arose from several wild species of wolf and possibly also from some of the jackals. It is different with the European Domestic Cat, which, according to most authorities, is derived from the Caffre Cat (*Felis caffra*), often tamed and mummified by the ancient Egyptians. If this is true, the Domestic Cat has a simple pedigree. But it is otherwise with dogs.

## Wolves and Jackals

For if all the European races are traced back to Studer's "Stone-Age dog" (*Canis putorius*), whose ancestor was a wolf, there is strong reason to suppose that in early days there were frequent fresh introductions of wolfish blood and of different species. Jackals may also have made their contributions from time to time. In a previous article we have spoken of three prehistoric dogs in Europe—all derivable from Studer's "Stone-Age dog"—namely, the "Peat dog," the "Intermediate dog," and the "Best-mother dog," leading on respectively, let us say, to Scotch terriers, foxhounds, and collies; but after their differentiation these races of prehistoric dog may still have crossed now and again with wolves and jackals.

Some evidence of recent hybridization is considered in Ash's stately book, "Dogs, Their History and Development" (Ernest Benn, 1927, five guineas). The general idea that we are seeking to emphasize is that the domesticated dog's inheritance was like a very complex pack of cards, so that in the course of millennia of shufflings many remarkable "hands" turned up, each the possible beginning of a new strain or breed.

## The Friend of Man

The second reason for the large number of races is to be found in the many sidedness of the qualities for the sake of which man has looked after the dog—some valued for strength and others for swiftness, some for their keen sense of smell and others for their hearing, some for ferocity and others for gentleness, some for brains and others for beauty. Therefore when a novel pattern or mutation appeared there was an unusually big chance that man would have some reason to give it his protection. In other words, the survival value of novelties among domesticated dogs is unusually diverse.

A few similar variants bred together start a strain; inbreeding of similar strains and careful weeding out of undesirables leads to a stable breed; by a patient persistence of the same processes of breeding and weeding, highly differentiated true-breeding races have been established. The secret fountain of variability continues still to flow and Mendelism is giving some assistance to the breeder in the combination of good canine qualities.

Man's fancy has sometimes led him to foster novelties which the unsympathetic biologist would have speedily eliminated. We refer to semi-pathological, delicate, dull-witted, partly deformed strains,

which only a false taste can tolerate. We have no sympathy with the propagation of canine defectives, but the big fact of the dog show is the wealth of excellencies. Those who share our appreciation will extend it also to Mr. Ash's book, which is almost worthy of its subject.

Let us look around in this National Dog Week, and with biological as well as sympathetic eyes, for we see many a dog that man—its creator—may well be proud of. What a motley crowd!—(1) Esquimaux dogs, Samoyeds, and Pomeranians! (2) greyhounds, whippets, and Borzoi; (3) Dalmatians, Great Danes, and sheep-dogs; (4) poodles, spaniels, setters, pointers, and retrievers; (5) terriers of many sorts, fox, Scotch, Irish, Airedale, Sealyham; (6) bloodhounds, mastiffs, bulldogs, and pugs; (7) Newfoundland and St. Bernards. As seven is the perfect number, we had better stop here.

## Individuality of Dogs

A well-established true-breeding race, such as terriers or greyhounds, is the artificial analogue of what would be called in Wild Nature a species. It is marked by a unified assemblage of characters that hold well together in heredity. As Plato rightly said, a new species is a new idea. A greyhound is a creation quite different from a terrier; and this holds for the mind as well as for the body. For we miss half of the charm and half of the problem of these puzzling varieties of dog if we do not realize that each is a psychical, as well as a bodily, individuality. They differ not only anatomically, but in moods and manners, in morale and mentality. Every true-breeding race is itself and no other, in mind as in body. More than that, each individual dog is a sub-personality, a unique product of hereditary nature and external nurture.—"John O' London Weekly."

## TO-DAY'S SOCCER

## Division I.

Kick-off 4 p.m.  
Athletic v. Kowloon, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee, Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

Police v. R.A., St. Joseph's ground. Referee, L.S.B.A. Atkinson.

Queen's v. Navy, Chatham road. Referee, Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Small Units v. Recreio, Sockum-poo ground. Referee, Mr. F. Smith.

S. China v. H.K.F.C., Caroline Hill. Referee, P.O. Cowan.

## Division II.

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.  
St. Joseph's v. Recreio, St. Joseph's ground. Referee, A.B. Swallow.

S. China "B" v. China "A", Caroline Hill. Referee, E.R.A. Anderson.

R.A. v. Small Units, Sockum-poo ground. Referee, Pte. Lamb.

Navy v. R.A. F., King's Park. Referee, Cox. Willis.

Eastern v. Kowloon, Athletic ground. Referee, Mr. T. G. Stokes.

## RACE WEEK

## QUEEN'S-ROAD EAST: ONE WAY TRAFFIC

Only one way traffic in Queen's-road East from Arsenal-street to the Monument will be permitted on "race days" (February 25, 26, 27 and March 2) between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The one way traffic will run from west to east from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from east to west from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

England—2nd Innings

J. B. Hobbs, l.b.w., Blackie .. 49  
H. Sutcliffe, not out ..... 83

D. R. Jardine, not out ..... 18  
Extras ..... 21

Total (for 1 wkt) ..... 171  
Fall of wicket: 1 for 105 (Hobbs).

[Scores at close of play to-day will be in the subscribers' edition.]

## HOCKEY

The first eleven of the Hong Kong Hockey Club met a side from the Beds and Herts. Regiment yesterday afternoon on the U.S.R.C. ground, the Club being strongly represented. The result, after a brisk game, was a win for the Club by one goal to nil.

## To Meet H.K.S.R.A.

The following will represent the second eleven of the Hong Kong Hockey Club in their match against the H.K.S.R.A. second team on Monday at the Marine ground at 4.45 p.m.—A. C. Howell, J. E. Henry, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan, L. M. S. Lloyd, E. L. S. T. Whitley, W. A. Nowers, G. R. Vallack, T. J. Price and E. C. Fincher.

Captain A. J. K. Todd, the Conservative agent, has been recommended by the Berwick (Northumberland) Divisional Conservative Association as prospective candidate in place of Mrs. Hilton Phillipson, M.P., who is retiring at the general election.

Several Small-pox cases have occurred recently in Lambeth, London.

## GOLF

## COMPSTON'S NEW POST

## AT COOMBE HILL

Archibald Compston has been appointed professional to the Coombe Hill Golf Club, Morden, Surrey, in succession to Arthur Havers, who is at present touring the Argentine in company with George Gadd.

Compston was born at Wolverhampton 35 years ago, stands six feet three inches high and is of powerful physique. He has held professional appointments at Kidderminster, Coventry, and North Manchester, but of recent years he has been a "fne-lance" player. In the British Open Championship Compston finished second to James Barnes, U.S.A., in 1925 and third this year, when Walter Hagen, U.S.A., won. He beat Hagen by 18 up and 17 to play in a 72-holes match at Moor Park in the spring, but Hagen had landed only two days previously.

Compston won the "News of the World" tournament in 1925 and 1927 and the Glenenglas tournament in 1925

## SHOOTING RULES

(Continued from Page 1.)

occupation address, the locality where he wishes to hunt, enclosing two half-length photos 4 inches long, and a fee of \$2 (Central Bank notes). On approval the Civil Administration Bureau will issue to him the required hunting certificate, which shall be renewed annually. The form of such certificate shall be specified in a separate schedule.

## Trap-Forbidden

The holder of a hunting certificate shall, before he actually goes hunting, make due report to the Police as to where he wishes to go hunting. The Police in such places, if it appears to them necessary to prohibit hunting for the time being for any reason, shall have power to prohibit it accordingly.

## Places Prohibited

No hunting shall be carried out by dynamite, poisons, high explosives and traps. In case any of these are necessary on account of any particular circumstances, due approval of the Authorities in the locality shall be obtained and due notice shall be published in advance.

## No hunting shall take place in prohibited mountains, Government cemeteries of all dynasties, public gardens, public roads, monasteries and temples, thickly populated places and other places which the Authorities have appointed for special purposes or where hunting has been suppressed on application.

No person shall enter any garden or enclosure in pursuit of any bird or animal, unless permission has been obtained from the owners.

Hunting shall only be allowed between Oct. 1 and the end of March, which period may be extended for not more than a month on the recommendation of the local Authorities for any particular reasons.

Fines range between \$5 to \$10, \$10 to \$20, \$20 to \$50.

## Supplementary Rules

The time during which hunting is carried on is limited to the period between sunrise and sunset.

The varieties of birds and animals which are protected and the seasons during which hunting is prohibited are as follows:

## BIRDS:

Crane, swallow, marsh-tit, cale-

tit, great-tit, nut-hatch, wagtail,

wren, little cuckoo, common cuckoo,

barn-owl, kite, vulture or condor

—hunting prohibited during the whole year.

Pheasant—hunting prohibited from Feb. 1 to Oct. 31.

Bulbul, starling, sky-lark, shrike,

pheasant, quail, hazel-grouse,

dove, snipe—hunting prohibited from April 1 to Oct. 31.

## ANIMALS:

Deer, mouse-deer, antelope, scaly ant-eater.

[Note:—All the above-mentioned birds and animals eat noxious insects and animals and their value to farm produce and the growing crops is very great. The seasons during which hunting is prohibited, apart from the category which should be protected during the whole year, are the breeding seasons of these birds and animals during which hunting should be prohibited entirely.]

## THIRD TEST: 6TH DAY

A remarkable day's play (or, rather, part of a day's play; the game did not restart until 12.30 p.m.) was provided in the third "Test" match at Melbourne yesterday, Australia, losing their two remaining wickets on a wet pitch for the addition of but four runs, being all out for 351, leaving England to get 332 runs to win the match and retain the "Ashes." By close of play the visitors had secured 171 of them for the loss of Hobbs, who made 49, leaving Sutcliffe (83) and Jardine (18) at play when the game was re-opened this morning with England wanting 162 runs for victory and nine wickets in hand.

England—2nd Innings

J. B. Hobbs, l.b.w., Blackie .. 49

H. Sutcliffe, not out ..... 83

D. R. Jardine, not out ..... 18

Extras ..... 21

Total (for 1 wkt) ..... 171

Fall of wicket: 1 for 105 (Hobbs).

[Scores at close of play to-day will be in the subscribers' edition.]

## CRICKET

The following will represent the University against I.R.C. to-day at 2 p.m. on the former's ground:—F. Hiptoola (Capt.), M. B. Osman, A. Baker, H. T. Barnes, A. B. Suleiman, G. E. Yach, K. T. Loke, A. A. Aziz, H. E. Adams, D. Roy and F. Fernando.

His Worship said that he understood the defendant was being dealt with by the Army authorities, and therefore in the circumstances he would impose a fine of \$5 or 7 days.

While on his way to visit his wife's grave, Capt. C. J. Green, aged 52, retired master-mariner, was knocked down and killed by a motor-car at Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Davey, of Loughton, Essex, all of whose family are alive, have six sons, seven daughters, and 42 grandchildren.

A reward of \$175 is offered for the recovery of jewellery valued at \$1,000, alleged to have been stolen from a motor-car in Birmingham.

Several Small-pox cases have occurred recently in Lambeth, London.

## PAN-AMERICA

## WHAT THE CONFERENCE IS DOING

## FACTS FOR REPUBLICS

Washington, Yesterday. The arbitration and conciliation treaties drawn up under the auspices of the Pan-American Conference, which only require formal ratification, are multilateral. The former establishes the principle of compulsory arbitration in all international controversies in the American

republics to which the recognized principles of international law are applicable, the only exceptions

being controversies involving domestic jurisdiction and those in-

volving third parties. Individual

nations however are allowed to make

other exceptions.

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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Sir Oswald Mosley



Sir Oswald Mosley who, with his wife, Lady Cynthia Mosley, were disinherited in the will of his father, the late Sir Oswald Mosley, which has just been admitted to probate in London. The Socialist activities of the son were the reason for disinheritance.

Jilted by 61



Miss Anne Livingston, who claims that she was jilted by Mr. Franklin Harding, a 61-year-old Chicago multi-millionaire, and, to prove her case, permitted his love letters to be published. Mr. Harding was recently married to another girl.

Turkish Artist



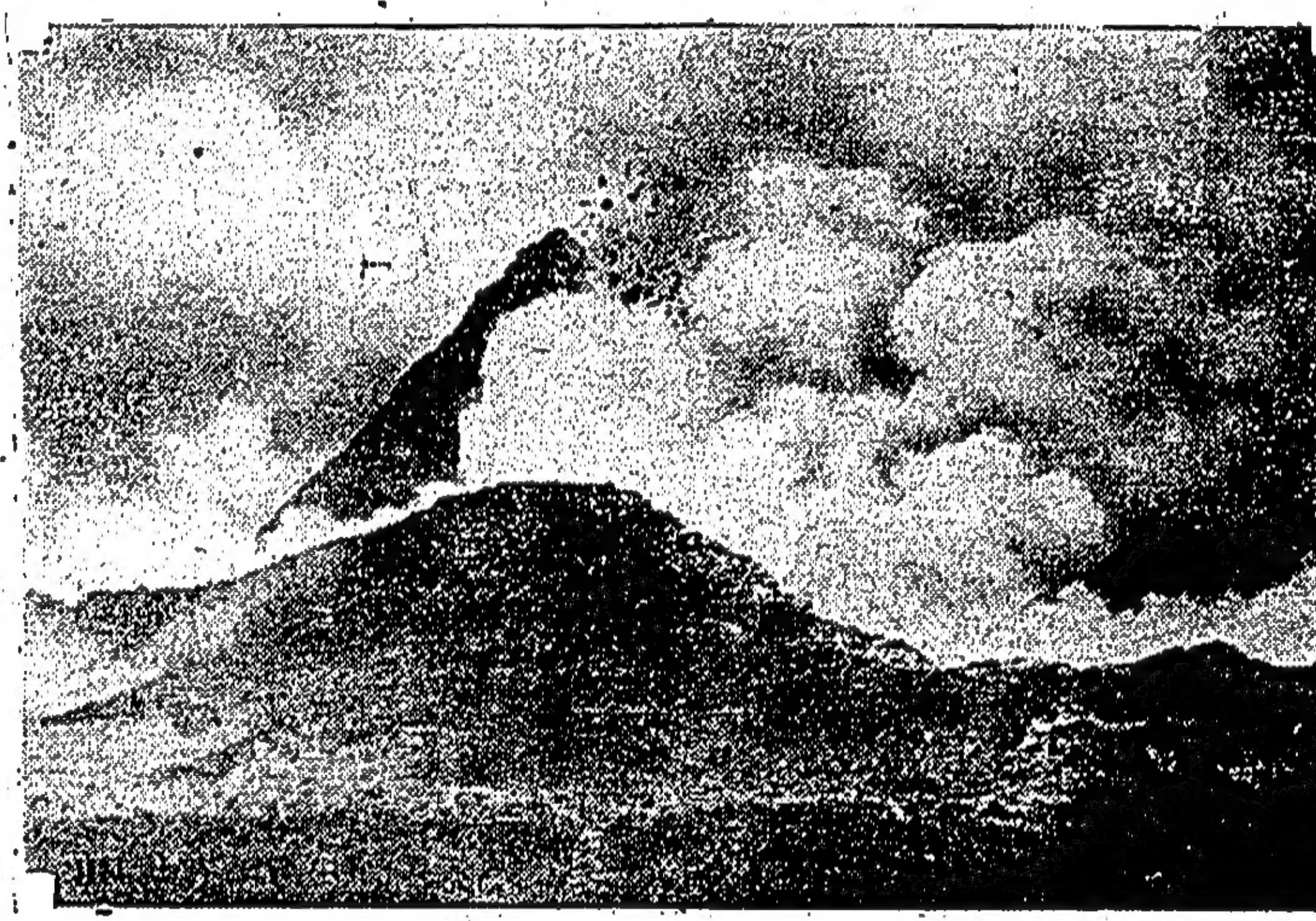
Madame Mihir Hanum, a Turkish artist, shown with a crystal bowl presented to her by Mustapha Kemal, the "strong man" of Turkey.

International Beauties



Beauties chosen in England, France, Spain, Germany, Russia and Austria, aboard the s.s. "President Harding" for a theatrical tour of the United States. L. to r., in front, Kate Reiter, "Miss Germany"; Joy Ashley, "Miss London"; Gisette Gaubert, "Miss Paris"; Nathalie Barr, "Miss Russia"; and Jacqueline Cobra, "Miss Spain." At back, Elsie Korin, "Miss Austria"; Nita Smolenak, "Miss Poland"; Marguerite du France, "Miss France" and Angela Joyce, "Miss England."

Mount Etna in Eruption.



The first actual photo of Mount Etna's latest eruption. Unable to approach afoot because the great crater was entirely barricaded by smouldering lava, a photographer flew in a plane back and forth through the cone of poisonous gases and steam. Notice the irregular black particles being emitted by the volcano.

Christmas Fare



One of the big turkeys sold at Home for Christmas fare.

To Marry a Count



Miss Tallulah Bankhead, the popular actress in London productions, has announced that she will marry Count Anthony de Baudari, famous in international society.

Long Range Doctor



Herr Doktor Otto Gordon, the eminent Berlin specialist, probably is the champion at long range consultations. Recently a woman patient called him on the trans-Atlantic telephone from Buenos Aires, asking to be advised as to her ailment.

Royal Jilter



King Zogu, who, it is reported from Tirana, Albania, has written to the 23-years-old daughter of the Albanian land-owner, saying that for reasons of state he must break their engagement of six years' standing. The monarch is understood to favour an alliance with one of Europe's royal families.

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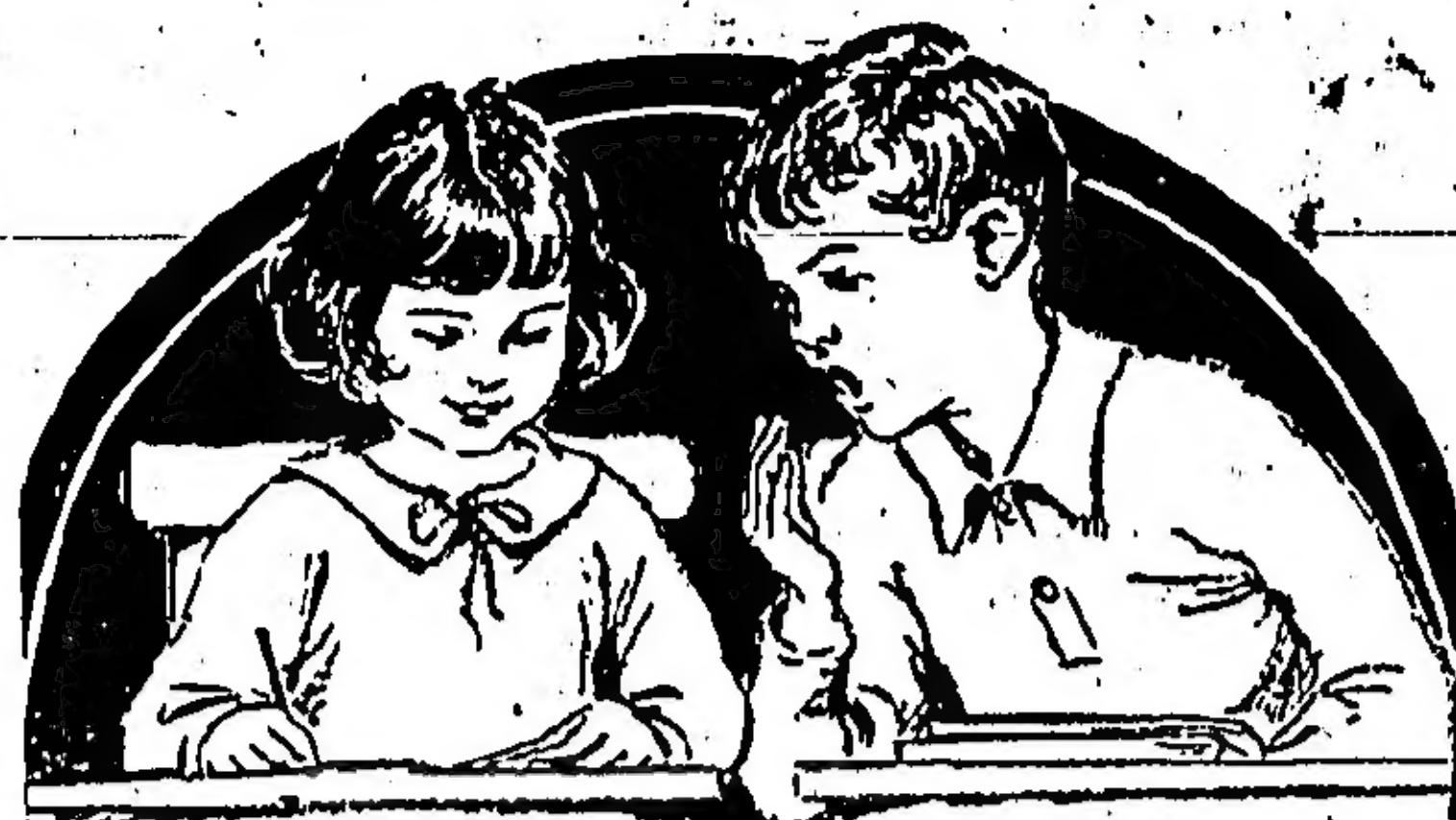
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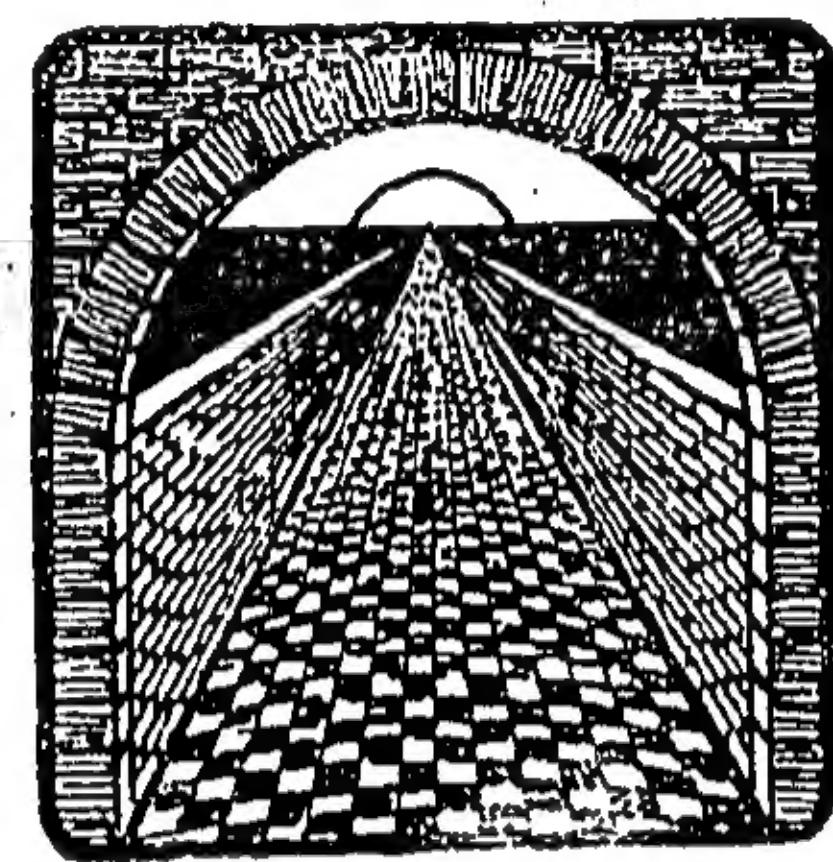
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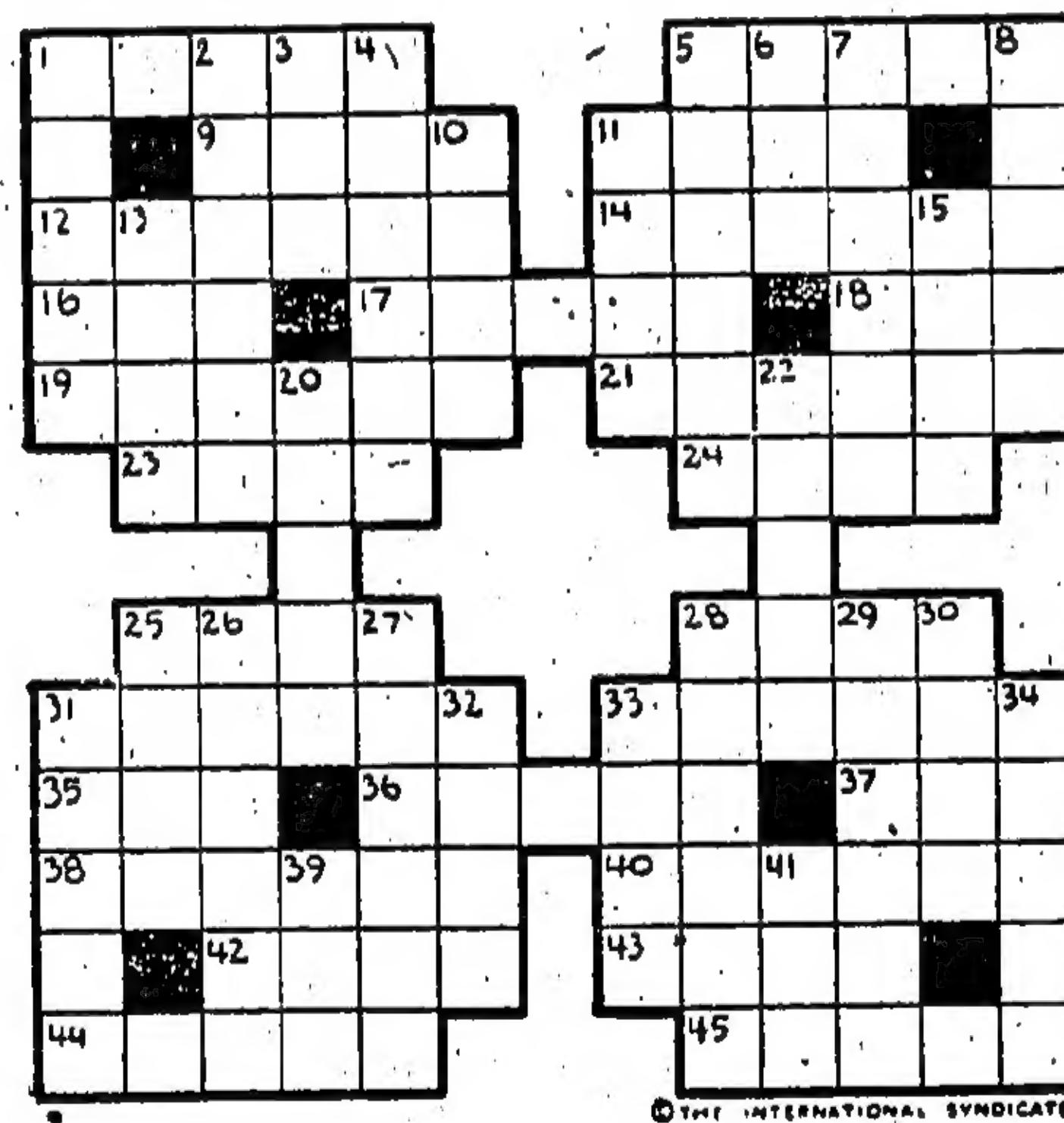
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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**HORIZONTAL**  
1-Old form of mill for grinding grain  
5-A large dam  
6-Fatty tissue of  
11-Nothing but  
12-Any great channel  
14-Horn of a deer.  
16-Meadow  
17-Perform  
18-Fame (obsolete)  
19-Girl's name  
23-Earliest epoch of  
23-Fern  
24-Implements for rowing  
25-Examine  
26-A casket  
31-Son of Jacob  
33-Column

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
35-Crude metal  
36-Transmit  
37-Estate  
38-Allow  
40-Imprisons  
42-Departs  
43-Classify  
44-Tall grasses  
46-Insect homes  
**VERTICAL**  
1-A twinge of conscience  
2-Property  
3-Mount  
4-Ons of the sea  
5-Lymphs  
6-Hindu  
6-Cleverness  
7-Bank official  
8-The Scandinavian countries

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
10-A river in N. England  
11-A spice  
13-Persue  
15-Eternities  
20-Torment  
22-To pick flaws  
25-Harass  
26-Comes forth  
27-Members of a English, political party  
28-A fruit  
29-Inclines  
30-A small pastry  
31-Deep sleep  
32-Enanres  
33-Seeds of apples  
34-Sleeps  
35-Moderate (abbr.)  
41-Anger

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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## HONG KONG HEIGHTS

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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CREPITATE  
BEE DETER SEM  
GENRE SAD VEXES  
RIAGS RT A SCAT  
ICI REPEALS IRA  
TOMINTINE PLASTER  
HEATER TOTTER  
STEW YEAS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

| Island.              | Feet. |
|----------------------|-------|
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| Signal Station       | 1774  |
| Mt. Parker           | 1734  |
| Mountain Lodge       | 1725  |
| The Erie             | 1722  |
| Peak Hotel           | 1805  |
| Taihoo Sanatorium    | 1000  |
| Mt. Davis            | 577   |
| Bowen Road (cliffed) | 3124  |
| Mainland.            | Feet  |
| Taimoshan            | 3124  |
| Kowloon Peak         | 1971  |

## THE WORLD OF BOOKS

## ACTION!

## THE GREAT WAR AND THE SEA

[My Mystery Ships, by Rear-Admiral Gordon Campbell, V.C., D.S.O., published by Hodder and Stoughton Ltd., London, 20/- net.]

A foreword is written by Admiral Sir Lewis Bayley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.; C.V.O., and there are excellent illustrations by Lieutenant J. E. Broome, R.N.

This book should have a place in every home library, not only from an historic point of view, but also for the fascinating reading contained in the volume. The writer has shown us what stuff heroes are made of, and one is filled with admiration for each and every man, who took part in the actions described.

As Admiral Campbell often said

.... it was due to the effort made by each man that the actions were successful. All realised their responsibility, and the keen sense of duty which each man felt, inspired by his loyalty to King and Country, kept them at their posts through thick and thin.

One feels a thrill of pride to think that England breeds such Sons, and realises that the decorations and promotions awarded were more than well earned. How proud the crew must have been of their Commander; and how proud he must have been of his officers and men.

Though Captain Campbell was in command of three different ships, his crew was practically the same on all three occasions. A few left for health and other reasons, and a few men were added as necessity arose, but the back-bone of the crew was made up of officers and men who had served with Captain Campbell from the very beginning. All the crew volunteered for this special work and continued to do so only at their own wish. It is a wonderful example of how men who have faced death together, will always remain staunch to their Commander and to one another.

The book opens with a chapter dealing with the submarine menace, and the urgent need for something which could cope with this modern type of warfare. As one reads the succeeding chapter, it is brought home very forcefully what would have happened to England, if our food supplies, and daily needs, had been stopped by the enemy, not to mention the danger of mines and submarines, to those who travelled as passengers on the steamers, and also to our own Navy.

The term "Mystery Ship," and the various titles, these ships were known by later on, are explained, and the various disguises used are also described. It is wonderful to read of the transforming of colliers and other tramp steamers for this work, as mystery ships of H.M. Navy. One can imagine the enormous amount of work which had to be done, and the attending difficulties, as the ships had to remain undisguised outwardly and all arms, guns, and most of the crew, remained hidden, until the ship was actually in action.

There is a humorous side to the story, in the descriptions of the training of the "panic party" and the disguises adopted by the Naval Officers as "Master" and "officers." The former did very valuable work, bluffing the enemy and decoying them within range of the ship's guns, while the latter were as good as to deceive friends and relatives. One smiles to think of Captain Campbell in a bowler hat and red tie, as a "Master" in his Sunday best, and on more than one occasion when thus dressed, he was told by various people (some of them in the Navy, themselves) what they thought of the Navy in general and Naval Officers in particular (?).

No one had any idea, that the old tramp steamer was one of H.M. Ships, so much so, that officers and men of our own Navy treated them as an ordinary "tramp." Various difficulties, such as examinations of bills of health etc., were encountered in one or two ports, but these were ingeniously overcome by the use of a little "imagination" on the part of the Master. After the fitting out of s.s. "Loderer," the first ship Captain Campbell commanded, a long period was spent in cruising, with no reward, except a sea-sick crew, and dreadful weather, but the men were being unknowingly prepared for what hardships were to follow.

The first action took place in February 1916, when U. 68 was sunk. On this occasion, the "panic party" lured the enemy within range of our guns, which soon dispatched them. Lieut. Campbell, as he then was, was promoted to the rank of Commander, after this action, and awarded the D.S.O. Other rewards given were the D.S.C., and the D.S.M.

The name of the ship was then

changed from "Loderer" to "Farnborough" and it was after the H.M.S. "Hampshire" was torpedoed with

Lord Kitchener on board, that the second submarine was encountered, giving trouble to a Dutch steamer, (H.M.S.) s.s. "Farnborough", engaged the submarine in action, and thought it was stated in the Dutch papers that the submarine had been sunk, there was no definite evidence as to this actually having taken place. This was followed by a long chase of a mine laying submarine, off the coast of Ireland.

H.M.S. Q 5, as the s.s. "Farnborough" now became, was responsible for yet another submarine, though in this encounter, she was herself torpedoed, and badly damaged.

After the action she was towed ashore and beached, and guns salvaged, and though no longer fit for use as a "mystery ship," she continued to run under various names, and with varying cargoes, as a tramp steamer until May 1928.

The next ship Captain Campbell commanded was H.M.S. "Pargust" and a chapter is devoted to a very interesting description of her fight with a submarine, and a very good diagram is given showing the course taken by the submarine, so that one can follow the action step by step.

The "Pargust" was herself torpedoed in the engine room, and badly damaged, and was awarded the V.C., as a result of gallant action.

The final chapters of this interesting book contain the adventures of H.M.S. "Dunraven" .... a larger vessel than the two former ones. Past experience proved invaluable when fitting out this ship as the gadgets and disguises for the guns etc., were perfected from the old models.

Chapter Fourteen contains a thrilling account of the "Dunraven's" last action, when the crew went through almost unbelievable dangers. The submarine encountered on this occasion opened fire on the "Dunraven" and set her on fire, but little could be done as the submarine was out of range. A sharp encounter followed and the crew behaved magnificently, never flinching in the face of the greatest dangers. Though every means was used to try and decoy the submarine within range of the "Dunraven's" guns, the submarine escaped. The reason for this later proved to be that the submarine had run out of torpedoes.

British and American destroyers arrived on the scene, .... the wounded were transferred, .... boats were recalled, .... and the fire extinguished. The "Dunraven," although her stern was awash, was taken in tow, but the weather grew worse, and early the following morning, she sank with colours flying.

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## A PLEA FOR A REST

## "ALL THIS TALK ABOUT SEX"

[Mr. D. H. Lawrence's latest book, privately printed abroad, has added fresh grit to the mills of vapid conversation about sex.

Too much talk about sex excites curiosity, and only the well-balanced can afford to be curious, declares Diana Bourbon in the "Daily Express." Most people are not balanced at all.

Moreover, this talk is cheapening and it encourages people to think lightly of the tremendous obligations of sex.

Finally, it is really rather disgusting and indigestible.

It is practically impossible to know too much—or even enough—about anything. No one knows too much about sex—many people do not know enough. But everybody is talking too much about it.

Everywhere you go, nowadays people prattle about "inhibitions" and "complexes," disconcertingly explaining their own "symptoms" at some length, ascribe unpleasant motives to everything—everybody does. No one is too young to know the jargon. No one is too ignorant to repeat it.

## A Social Obsession

It is a social obsession, probably because "smart talk" is at a premium nowadays, and sex is the easiest thing in the world to talk about in a cheaply smart way. It is also the hardest thing to understand. But good conversation, alas, does not necessarily imply good information. People may themselves know nothing about it; but they talk fluently, and do a great deal of harm.

What sort of a fool would you think an amateur who went into an analytical chemist's laboratory and began fiddling about with the reagents and mixtures? When he produced the inevitable explosion, would you not think it served him right? But it is much more dangerous to enter into a conversation of this sexily short with foolish, meddling people. Whatever the result, it is not going to stop short at a scalded face and hands. What is a commonplace to you may be a blind "smart" conversation is not the right medium for revelations.

Hardly any two people see the same thing from precisely the same angle. What you see in one way some one else may see in another entirely. One causal word of yours may open a door that no one will ever be able to close again.

We create types by writing and talking about them.

## Familiarity and Contempt

That is one point. For the other—that all this sex talk in the mouths of the half-informed is cheapening—to their subject and to themselves; that is really all you can say about it. It is the old story of familiarity breeding contempt. And contempt in this vital business is disastrous.

The naughtiness of such talk probably contains the remedy. The child who has eaten enough whipped cream to make itself ill loathes whipped cream afterwards, and for a considerable time. Sex as a subject of conversation is so very monotonous that I do not see how the bilious attack can be staved off much longer—which would be an excellent thing for our mental health.

The intimacies of life are for treatment in intimate friendship, broadmindedness and gentleness—not casual encounter. We do not undress in the sight of perfect strangers. Why, then, try to undress life?

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## INWARD MAIIS.

| From                               | Per | SATURDAY, JANUARY 5. |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Australia & Manila                 |     | Taiping              |
| Japan                              |     | Burma Maru           |
| Shanghai and Swatow                |     | Shantung             |
| SUNDAY, JANUARY 6.                 |     |                      |
| Shanghai and Swatow                |     | Yunnan               |
| Straits                            |     | Suwa Maru            |
| Amoy                               |     | Talma                |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 7.                 |     |                      |
| Australia & Manila                 |     | Arafura              |
| Manila                             |     | President Taft       |
| Shanghai and Amoy                  |     | Linan                |
| TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.                |     |                      |
| Shanghai                           |     | Perseus              |
| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.              |     | "Empress of France"  |
| Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai |     | Foeksang             |
| Straits                            |     |                      |

## OUTWARD MAIIS.

| For  | Per | SATURDAY, JANUARY 5. |
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| Straits and Calcutta, Parcels 1 p.m.   |     | Namsang              |
| Letters 2 p.m.   |     |                      |
| Australia (except Thursday Island and Cairns) and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 22nd Jan. Registration (Jan. 5) 4.15 p.m.   |     | Burma Maru           |
| Letters (Jan. 6) 5 p.m.  |     | President McKinley   |
| Mahia  |     | 4.30 p.m.            |
| Sam Shui and Wuchow  |     | Tai Hing             |
| Hoihow and Haiphong  |     | 4.30 p.m.            |
| Shanghai and Dairen  |     | New Mathilde         |
| SUNDAY, JANUARY 6.   |     | 5 p.m.               |
| Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong  |     | Liangchow            |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa   |     | 6 p.m.               |
| Bangkok via Swatow   |     |                      |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 7.   |     |                      |
| Shanghai and Japan   |     | Suwa Maru            |
| Swatow   |     | 10.30 a.m.           |
| Amoy   |     | Hydrangea            |
| Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, U.S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 28th Jan. and Europe via Siberia, Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. |     | 2.30 p.m.            |
| Shanghai and Europe via Siberia  |     | 2.30 p.m.            |
| Letters only 6 p.m.  |     | Amul                 |
| TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.  |     |                      |
| Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 8th Feb., 1929. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.                     |     | President Taft       |
| Amoy   |     |                      |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow   |     | Perseus              |
| Swatow   |     | Shantung             |

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## EDUCATION IN THE COLONIES

### A NEW STEP

MR. AMERY APPOINTS INFLUENTIAL COMMITTEE

LORD LUGARD INCLUDED

London, Yesterday. The Colonial Secretary (Mr. L. M. S. Amery) has decided to appoint a committee to advise him on problems of educational development in the Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories, consisting of Bishop Bidwell, Major A. G. Church, Lord Lugard, Sir James Currie, Sir W. G. Maxwell, Sir Michael Sadler, Professor T. P. Nunn, Messrs. J. H. Oldham, W. Spens, Miss S. A. Burstell and Miss A. W. Whitelaw.—Reuter.

[Lord Lugard was Governor of Hong Kong from 1907 to 1912.]

## AMERICA'S NAVY

THE SENATE AND FIFTEEN NEW CRUISERS

### PEACE PACT

Washington, Yesterday. After a brief speech in the Senate declaring that the construction of fifteen new cruisers was vital for the safety of the United States, Mr. Hale, the Chairman of the Naval Committee, yielded place to Senator Borah, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, in order to dispose of the Kellogg Peace Pact before dealing with the cruiser construction bill.—Reuter's American Service.

### REPARATIONS

New York, Yesterday. Mr. Parker Gilbert arrived in New York aboard the "Beringar" to-day for his annual holiday. He will confer unofficially with President Coolidge.

He smilingly protested that the German criticism of his report "must be based on a hasty and incomplete reading of the text."—Reuter's American Service.

## PICKPOCKET SHOW UP REDS

### TUMBLED TO A PLOT

PRE-ARRANGED SIGNAL: FIRE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

A HONG KONG COINCIDENCE

[From a Special Correspondent.]

How an error of judgment on the part of a pickpocket brought about the exposure of a dastardly Red plot and encompassed a number of Communists in Canton has been related by officers waging ceaseless vigilance against the Soviet menace.

By a coincidence, the Canton authorities struck at about the time when, as recorded in the "China Mail," three Superintendents of Police (including the Director of Criminal Intelligence) and the acting Chief Detective Inspector raided three places in different parts of Hong Kong, effecting seizures of material alleged to be of Communist origin, and the rounding up of a number of youths, men, a woman and a girl with bobbed hair.

The Hong Kong coup is due, I learn, to the initiative of a Chinese detective who, with an element of luck, picked up the scent and then worked up the local case. Fortune also smiled on the Canton authorities, as will be seen.

"Red" Suitcase Stolen

Even if there is no direct connection between the Canton and Hong Kong events, however, the simultaneous discovery of Red paraphernalia is evidence of the persistent efforts of Chinese Communists to create trouble in South China in spite of an unrelenting campaign to scour them out. As the Communist Party in China is altogether out of grace, it has also to be assumed that financial and executive assistance has been rendered from an exterior source.

I do not know if the Canton pickpocket has been rewarded or even officially overlooked.

He snatched aboard a tow-boat bound for up-country and stole a suitcase, presumably because its appearance attracted him. In seclusion he opened it to find, to his consternation, that it contained

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## ACRES OF WHEAT FOR RUSSIA

10,000,000

AMERICAN WHEAT-GROWER'S ENTERPRISE

\$100,000,000 FOR MACHINERY

Los Angeles, Yesterday.

It is stated in the local newspapers that Mr. Thomas Campbell, one of America's largest wheat growers, is shortly going to Russia to plant 10,000,000 selected acres of wheat, for which \$100,000,000 machinery will be purchased.—Reuter's American Service.

"STOOD PAT"

SENATOR BORAH ARGUES ON PEACE PACT

BRITAIN AND THE U.S.A.

Washington, Yesterday. Against the powerful navy group, Senator Borah defended single-handed Mr. Kellogg's anti-war pact in a three hours' speech to an interested and crowded Senate whom he warned, if they did not find a way to preserve peace, civilisation would be imperilled as it had never been since the dark ages.

Senator Borah argued that the pact did not impair the Monroe doctrine. He declared that Britain's technical position under the pact is inferior to that of the United States because Britain had specifically stated her right—only in certain cases—to exercise the privilege of self-defence, while the United States stood "pat" on the right of self-defence any time, anywhere and anyhow.—Reuter's American Service.

WHO WILL PRESIDE?

THE SALVATION ARMY HIGH COUNCIL

64 DELEGATES ARRIVE

London, Yesterday.

All the delegates of the Salvation Army High Council have arrived in London. They comprise 46 British, six Americans and twelve of other nationalities.

It is not yet known who will preside.

Council Criticised

Melbourne, Yesterday. Brigadier Slattery, divisional commander of the Salvation Army, has been suspended from duty for criticising the members of the High Council and refusing subsequently to refrain from reference to its forthcoming meeting.—Reuter.

IN BANKRUPTCY

Receiving orders having been made on Thursday, the first general meeting of creditors (to consider whether the respective debtors shall be adjudged bankrupt or not) has been fixed as follow:

No. 25 of 1928, the Hop Yick Dyeing Factory, Shaukiwan: 10.30 a.m. on Jan. 10.

No. 27 of 1928, the To Heung Hop firm, No. 7, Heung Hing-dané: 10.30 a.m. on Jan. 10.

pile of Red literature, including "staff" instructions to the rank and file to rise when a stated signal was given.

This ominous sign was to take the form of incendiaryism. Certain buildings had been marked down to be set on fire on New Year's Day (i.e. Jan. 1, 1929).—Reuter.

After due consideration, the thief decided to risk the possibility of being charged with larceny, hoping to be compensated by a substantial reward.

At any rate the authorities acted promptly. They surrounded a hiding place revealed on examination of the offending literature. Strong resistance was offered. Some of the Reds were killed or wounded and the remainder captured. The raiders had three men wounded in the operation.

[Note: The Canton raid took place before New Year's Day. The fire in Canton city on New Year's Day was not connected with the plot. The Hong Kong raids were executed early on the morning of Dec. 31.]

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